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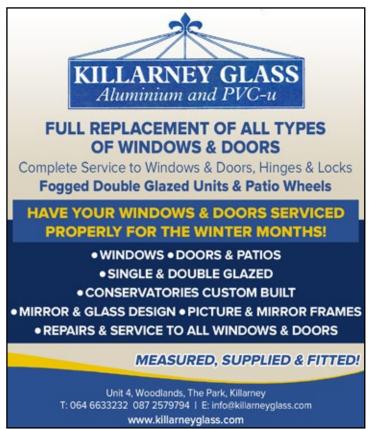
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All roads will lead to the INEC tomorrow night, Saturday March 8th for the Irish Cancer Society's Production of Strictly Goes Country, Pictured at rehearsals, front from left: Nicole Coffey and Padraig O'Callaghan, Joanna Hughes and Adrian Kelliher, Seánagh Cronin and Kianan O'Doherty, Norreta Slattery and Dale McCarthy, Michelle Hickey and Conor Coffey. Back from left: Katie O'Leary and Fred O'Connor, Claudia Buckley and John O'Brien, Esther Brosnan and Connie Daly, Teresa Mangan and Frank Doran at The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney. Strictly Goes Country will take place, tomorrow night, Saturday 8th March with doors opening at 7pm. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin







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A Note from the DITOR



After a week of beautiful Spring weather, we have a jam packed 100 page magazine for you to enjoy this week.

The Lynch family are celebrating athletic success on both sides of the Atlantic, the ICS Coffee morning has raised over €2,200 and St. Patrick's Day is set to arrive early in Rathmore.

The Cashel ward in UHK has been gifted over €12,000 from the Liebherr Sports and Social Club, the Soroptimist Club had a "flipping" good Pancake Tuesday fundraiser and Killarney Rotary Club welcomed the District

It's the final countdown to the opening night of Killarney Musical Societies production of Evita, a lucky Kerry winner has scooped €500,000 in the Prize Bonds and Kilcummin GAA are looking for new members for their Juvenile

A very special day was held for pupil at St. Francis Special School, Killarney Legion are going European and a Clonkeen woman has launched a book in aid of Revovery Haven.

There is a major push underway to create a greener Killarney, KCC Students went on a Parisian Adventure and Anne Lucey takes a look at all things topical.

With all the action from the pitches, fairways and courts, along with Jimmy's take on All Things Sport, I hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

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A family affair....

Athletic Success for Con and Oisin Lynch

thletes, Con Lynch and his son Oisin from Killarney Valley AC have achieved major milestones in 2025.

Dad Con Lynch has been inducted, into the Garda Siochana Coiste Siamsa Hall of Fame, the National Sports Awards Ceremony, where members of the force, past and present are recognised by their peers.

Con has achieved many accolades for which included winning the National intermediate Cross-Country title in his career. The four-minute miler who had many successes, also has the accolade of the World Police Games Champion for the 1500m. Con is a dedicated mentor and coach in Killarney Valley AC fosters a passion for athletics within the community.

The Hall of Fame induction is a testament to Connie's unwavering commitment to excellence in sport and his significant contributions to nurturing future generations of athletes.

Son Oisin who is a first-year scholarship athlete in Adams state college in Colorado, has settled in very well at the University. Oisin's success with national gold medal success caught the eye of several universities in the USA.

"It was this wonderful college with a great track



Con Lynch receives his Hall of Fame Award from Commissioner Drew Harris at a ceremony in Letterkenny.

and field coaching team and living at altitude, that convinced Oisin that this was the place that his passion, for track and field athletics would prosper", Jeremiah Griffin from Killarney Valley AC saide.

Already in his first year, Oisin had made an impact racing in many different places around the states, notably in New Mexico and in the RMAC conference in Colorado Springs. The 1 minute 50 800m runner ran last week in the MDR (medley distance relay) which comprised legs of 1200m, 400m, 800m and the mile. Oisin



Athlete Oisin Lynch.

ran a superb leg in the 800m, where the team just missed out by one second, on making the national indoors in Indiana in a fortnights time. A super performance by the young fresher which caught the eye, with his set of superb runs through the autumn and winter indoor

All focus now for Oisin is on the outdoor season for the inter varsities and on the domestic championships, in Ireland in the summer. Potential European junior qualification is an objective this year for Oisin, as he hopes to join his colleagues on the national team once again.

Hayfield Family Collection Announces **Breakthrough Cancer Research** as Official Charity **Partner**

The Hayfield Family Collection, which owns and operates the 5-Star Hayfield Manor in Cork as well as the Great Southern Killarney and Killarney Royal are proud to announce Breakthrough Cancer Research as its official charity partner for 2025.

Breakthrough Cancer Research are particularly focused on improving outcomes for those cancers which are poorly served by current treatment options. Through a series of fundraising initiatives, awareness campaigns, and special events, the collaboration aims to raise vital funds for Breakthrough Cancer Research, working to support their mission to Make More Survivors of cancer through research and their vision of 100% survival for 100% of cancers.

The collaboration underscores the Hayfield Family Collection's ongoing commitment to supporting meaningful causes and making a lasting impact in the communities it serves in both Cork and Kerry. For more information about the Hayfield Family Collection and upcoming fundraising initiatives, please visit www.hayfieldfamilycollection.com.

The new Hayfield Family Collection fundraising page with Breakthrough Cancer Research can be found at https://www.idonate.ie/cause/TheHayfieldCollection



'Callaghan pictured at the coffee morning in aid Cancer Society at the Killarney Towers Hotel. of the Irish Cancer Society.



Eileen O'Callaghan and her son Cllr Niall O Supporters enjoy the coffee morning in aid of the Irish

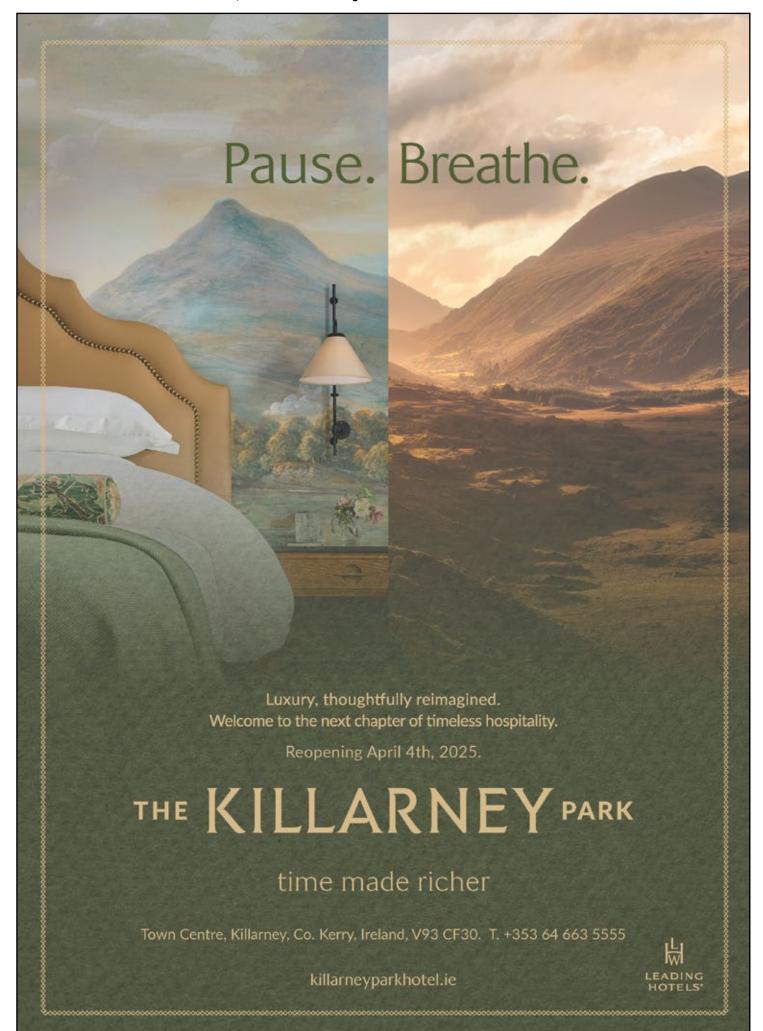
OVER €2,200 RAISED AT ICS COFFEE MORNING

There was a great turnout for the Irish Cancer Society's Coffee Morning at the Killarney Towers Hotel on February 28th last.

Organisers were delighted with the turnout and Chairperson of the Killarney South Kerry Branch of the ICS, Eugene O'Sullivan has thanked everyone for their continued support.

Daffodil Day is taking place on March 28th and all funding from this provides care to cancer patients across the country.

The coffee morning raised in excess of €2,200.



St. Patrick's Day arrives early in Rathmore

As Ireland's national day approaches, the people of Rathmore are preparing to celebrate St Patrick's day in traditional fashion with a colourful parade. Kerry's second largest villages, Rathmore, has the annual distinction of being the first village or town in Kerry to celebrate this special day. This year the parade takes place on 09th March at 2pm.

This year's Grand Marshall is All-Ireland winner and Rathmore LGFA star Danielle O'Leary. The dual football and camogie player is a Rathmore native with strong links to her locality. Commenting on appointing Danielle as Grand Marshall, Rathmore Community Council Chairperson Antoinette O'Leary said, 'Danielle embodies all that the community of Rathmore stands for and is a great proponent of lady's sport in Kerry. We are proud for her to lead our annual St Patrick's Day parade in the village.' This year's parade theme is Follow Your Dreams

and parade participants can compete for the best float with a chance to win the Frank Buckley Memorial Cup which is selected by the viewing dignitaries on the day. Other prizes include Best Vintage Vehicle, Best Commercial Float, Best Agricultural Float and Best Organisational Float. A best dressed pet award is also up for grabs.

A village-wide parade draws the community together with organisations, businesses and clubs banding together to create a special afternoon in Kerry's most easterly village. Participants include Rathmore GAA, Rathmore LGFA, Holy Family National School, Shrone and Hollymount National schools, The Millstreet Pipe Band, Cullen Pipe band and others.

Rathmore has a warm welcome for visitors both young and old on the 09th March. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy Kerry's first St Patrick's Day parade of 2025.



Commenting on the prospect of the parade ahead, Rathmore Community Council Chairperson Antoinette O'Leary said, 'I'm very grateful to our committee, volunteers and helpers who contribute their time and effort in to this community effort. Local businesses, Kerry County Council, sporting bodies and voluntary organisations in Rathmore and the local area are an important part of what goes on in the village. We look forward to the St Patrick's Day parade on the 09th March and all are welcome.

LIEBHERR DONATE FUNDS TO UHK

The Sports and Social Club of Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd this week donated a total of €12,360.00 to the Cashel Ward Fund, University Hospital Kerry.

The funds were raised from ticket sales to our Christmas Party and all the proceeds from our Christmas Raffle in December 2024.

Members of our Liebherr staff have had first-hand experience of the exceptional care and empathy given by the staff to patients of the Cashel Ward.

Everyone at Liebherr Killarney were more than happy to make this donation to the Cashel Ward.

We especially remember the late "Padraig Beasley" son of Seamus Beasley who works here in Liebherr.

We wish the Cashel Ward and their amazing staff all the best in the future and hope our donation helps in some way.



Pictured at the presentation of funds were back left to right: Sinead Coffey, Marina McGaley, Rosmy Thomas, front: Dr. Daniel Onyekwere, Seamus Beasley, Kevin Gorman, Aine Walsh, Bronagh O'Keeffe, Marie Reidv.



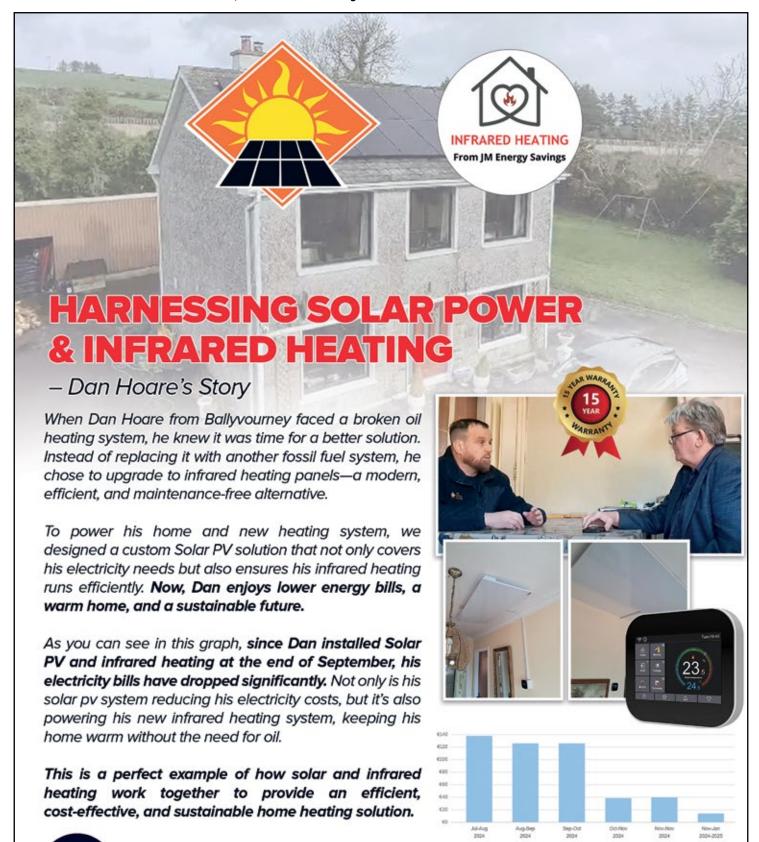
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Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa Executive Chef, Cedric Botarlinim said, "We are very excited about this special event. Every day we work with exceptional local produce to bring the best quality dining to our guests, and now we get to elevate this to a new level, bringing diners on a sensory journey through flavours, textures and aromas. Partnering with the renowned Francisco Cortes Lepis guests ensures that each dish is paired with the perfect wine, creating a truly immersive sensory journey."

The price for the dinner is €95 per person. The evening begins with a drinks reception in The Lounge Bar at 7pm, followed by dinner at 7.30pm in the Lake Room Restaurant. Limited spaces are available, so early booking is advised. To book, call +353 64 6631766 or email reception@aghadoeheights.com to book.

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National Spring Clean Campaign!

An Taisce National Spring Clean is calling on volunteers across the country to join Ireland's largest and longest running anti-litter campaign. Established in 1999, this year marks 26 years of the campaign and over the course of the 26 years, an estimated 50,000 tonnes of litter has been collected.

It is time to roll up our sleeves and make a meaningful impact on your local environment as registrations open for the 26th National Spring Clean!

Operated by An Taisce, funded by the Dept. of Environment, Climate and Communications and sponsored by Mars Wrigley, the National Spring Clean is Ireland's largest anti-litter campaign, rallying thousands of volunteers each year. This year marks 26 years of the campaign, which has seen the removal of an estimated 50,000 tonnes of litter from Irish streets, parks, and coastlines over the years, thanks to the dedication of thousands of

volunteers over the years.

Following the success of the 25th anniversary Spring Clean last year, organisers are kicking off the 26th year this April, by encouraging individuals and communities across the country to register now to ensure that the 2025 campaign is the biggest and most impactful to date.

Volunteers are invited to register individually or in groups to receive a free clean-up kit and take part in the annual event, which is operated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce in partnership with Local Authorities and supported by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and Mars Wrigley.

The National Spring Clean is one of many environmental initiatives sponsored by Mars Wrigley, which also include The Gum Litter Taskforce and the Green Schools' Programme.



Pictured at the launch was Orion Cullen (5), Xanthe Cullen (2) celebrating 25 years of #Springclean with a chocolate cake



Kerry based, family-run hotel group, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, is thrilled to be one of only 35 businesses in the country to be recognised as one of the Best Workplaces for Women™ in Ireland in 2025 by Great Place to Work® Ireland.

Now in its seventh year, the Best Workplaces for Women™ is a programme that aims to recognise those top organisations which, in addition to providing a great work environment for everyone in general, are creating positive and supportive workplaces for women in particular. This year Great Place To Work recognised 35 organisations from a wide range of sectors and sizes, with over 2,000 female leaders represented and just 7 hospitality organisations making the list.





Members of the Killarney Soroptimist Club pictured at the Killarney Avenue Hotel on Tuesday morning at their annual Pancake Morning in aid of the Kerry Hospice and the Irish Kidney Association.



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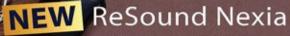
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KILLARNEY ROTARY CLUB WELCOME DISTRICT GOVERNOR

AT A RECENT MEETING SEAMUS PARLE IS LEADING THE WAY IN HIS ROLE AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR, ROTARY IRELAND. HE VISITED KILLARNEY ROTARY CLUB TO HELP CELEBRATE THE CLUB'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR DURING THE ROTARY YEAR HELPING THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR EVENTS.

DG Seamus and his wife Carmel were welcomed to Killarney by current President of Killarney Rotary Club, Ciara Irwin Foley. Ciara holds the role until July of this year. She is delighted to have Seamus & Carmel visit during this very special time in the life of Rotary who are marking the fact that Rotary International is celebrating 120 years of Rotary service as it was founded in Chicago on February 23rd 1905 by Paul Harris and three friends. There are now approximately 1.4 million members in over 200 countries. There are just under 70 Clubs in Ireland.

Rotary is one of the world's largest and most successful global membership and humanitarian service organisations. Rotary wants to celebrate the efforts they have made towards peace and conflict resolution, in our communities all around the world

Together, Rotary unites in communities at home and abroad delivering projects that make a difference. With members from all walks of life, Rotary provides valuable opportunities for individuals to network, make connections and build relationships, all while giving something back to the community. From small acts of kindness to global projects, Rotary continues to make magic happen.

Seamus spoke about his time so far as District Governor (DG) and what it involves for both himself and his wife. It is a one year term but it is full on for that year plus a few years beforehand leading up to this role and he isn't retired from his day job yet. They must visit every Club for a meeting individually in every corner of Ireland. DG Seamus highlighted the national and international Rotary projects. One is Daisy Lodge Respite Centre. There is also Shelter box and the Polio Plus eradication project. Seamus hopes that new club members all over Ireland will get involved in everything in their Club and learn as much as they can about Rotary to make a difference.

District Governor Seamus also made two special announcements during the meeting. He welcomed Ciara Irwin Foley to the National District Executive team in two different roles. Firstly she is the incoming Assistant Governor for Zone 9 which comprises three Kerry Clubs and three Limerick Clubs. She will work in tandem with the District Governor in this



Members of Killarney Rotary Club who welcoed District Governor to their recent lunch meeting.

position. Secondly, Ciara is the new co-ordinator and one of the leaders for the National Rotary Youth Leadership Development team. This is a wonderful opportunity and Rotary Ireland are delighted that Ciara is stepping into this role for a three year period.

Ciara has been involved at local level as a member since 2001 following in the footsteps of her father Peter who was a member since the Club was first founded in Killarney in 1983. Ciara joined when her dad passed away and was the first female member in Killarney. She held the presidency previously in 2007-2008. She will finish this term of Office as Club President in July 2025 and she is delighted to accept these new roles and looks forward to the challenge ahead as she joins the Rotary Ireland District Executive Team.

DG Seamus also congratulated Sherry O'Callaghan and wished her the very best of luck in her role as the 2025-2026 Killarney Club President when she takes over from Ciara this July. Sherry is currently the Club Secretary. She looks forward to working with members on the Club's existing projects (and maybe even a new one) and with the community groups and charities the Club will be supporting through their events. Sherry was a member of Rotary first in Canada and she transferred her membership to the Killarney Club when her

family moved to Ireland and she opened her real estate business in New Street, Killarney. Sherry said she is looking forward to bringing her knowledge of Rotary and her own touches to the local Club. She is really happy to have this network of friends who welcomed her to Killarney. She settled in well thanks to the connections she made because of Rotary.

Killarney Rotary Club is proud to host many events to give back to the community. The Youth Leadership Development Competition, mock interviews for secondary students, Wine & Art Night and the Annual Afternoon Tea at the Great Southern, tree and bulb planting in Killarney, the Literacy Aid for Lebabon, marking International Women's Day annually and lots more. This is the Magic of Rotary. If anybody wishes to find out more about Rotary in Killarney send an email to killarneyrotaryclub@ gmail.com or if it is more international see www.rotary.org. Killarney Rotary Club is also on Facebook and Instagram. DG Seamus concluded by presenting President Ciara with a copy of a book written by the District Chairman of Rotary Foundation Howard Caskie on the origins of Rotary and in return President Ciara presented him with the Club's Banner and a copy of the Club's book celebrating 40 years history.







IT'S THE TALK | OF THE TOWN



Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney

WILL TOURISM HOLD?

The hotel sector is doing well but there is nervousness about the global economy. That was the message from the gathering at the Gleneagle Hotel of Irish hoteliers last week. But so volatile is the world that within a day of hearing from an economist that fears for the pharmaceutical industry here were overblown - President Trump signalled tariffs of 25 per cent for Europe.

The American tourist remains strong - so long as the stock market is strong.

Alas, the stock market is taking a battering now too.

Meanwhile, Irish Hotels Federation president Michael Magner welcomed the transfer of tourism to the more business focused ministry of Enterprise.

Previously, it had been included in a nonbusiness brief of arts, sports, culture, Gaeltacht.

Tourism traditionally was equated with marketing and postcards, and one sided stories. But someone has woken up that the postcards have a lot going on in the background.

Around a quarter of a million euro will be invested in refurbishment of hotels in the country and Killarney is already experiencing serious investment, Bernadette Randles said. "It's positive for the year ahead," Bernadette said. The Brehon, The Killarney Park, the Randles Hotel, The Killarney Heights, The Great Southern, The Europe Hotel and Hotel Dunloe Castle are among those refurbishing in 2025.

The old chestnut of staffing came up too. 50 per cent of all jobs in Ireland over the past two years were filled by immigrants, the conference heard. That's around 80,000

jobs where we needed to bring people in.

Shortages of people to fill jobs, rising wages and failure of roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and houses to keep up with the speed of population growth were big challenges, the Bank of Ireland economist said.

Michael Magner said "the bad old days" of split shifts were long gone and there were family friendly policies now in many hotels. Apprenticeship arrangements for hotels on a par with crafts like plumbers etc where businesses are properly supported for block release training are urgently needed, he said. But the overall impression was that in tourism- as in health - we must start training people and retaining them.

So on that note the third level training college for tourism was the big pre-election promise for Killarney, Where is it? We might see a statement from our four Government TDs, our council please.

PLANNING APPEALED ON WALKWAY TO DINIS

We like to keep an eye on the national park. Sadly, ambitious plans for a raised walkway and cycle platform with views over the middle lake have been appealed to An Bord Pleanala

Permission was granted to the National Parks and Wildlife Service earlier this month for cycle and walkway platform structure to run between Dinis and Torc along the N71. There was broad welcome and especially by cyclists and walkers because this one kilometer section of the road used by 136,000 cyclists in 2023 is treacherous.

But appeal has now been taken by Peter Sweetman and on behalf of Wild Ireland



Defence, based in Allihies, Beara, Co. Cork. Mr Sweetman claims the plans are in breach of habitat assessment regulations as set down by the European Union Courts of Justice in a case taken by himself in 2011.

He has asked An Bord Pleanala to carry out a new assessment of the application.

The application by the National Parks and Wildlife Service was lodged a year ago, in January 2024. However further environmental studies were undertaken by agents Malachy Walsh and Partners after requests by the council to the NPWS.

These included further ecological studies and baseline studies.

An ecologist to oversee any disturbance to the Kerry Slug is among 18 conditions imposed by the council in the grant of planning.

Low numbers of the slug - eleven - were uncovered. The area is a special area of conservation. A derogation under EU habitats legislation on the grounds of social and economic reasons - the project is of overriding public interest including safety and socio and economic factors, was sought by the NPWS.

Let's see who wins out. But whatever will happen, we are faced with a long delay and leisure cycling has lost out. The project was due to start more or less immediately. The appeal won't be decided until the end of June.

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN DECADES BEFORE THE DAIL ON THURSDAY BUT WHERE WERE OUR KERRY TDS?

Thursday afternoon of last week in the Dail saw the new minister for housing, James Browne speak on the Housing Commission Report, and his plans to solve the most intractable problem for a generation - or even two generations.

Published last May, the housing report is to be a foundation stone. There were contributions from TDs representing Waterford, Roscommon, Meath, Kildare, Dublin, Wicklow, Galway, Dublin and Cork as well as border counties. They outlined problems with rent, affordable housing, supply, lack of local powers.

Carlow Kilkenny TD John McGuinness pointed out that we built good houses in the 1950s which came attached with tenant purchase schemes. What we now had was "a bureaucratic nightmare". Too many housing bodies, too many cooks and no affordable houses, in other words.

We heard of missed targets of affordable homes in Cavan Monaghan. We heard of how people in Galway will be waiting for a decade for a home.

But there was not not one contribution from Kerry. Not only did no Kerry TD speak but none was present in the chamber - unless they were hiding from the cameras, And would this be like them? Most

are fighting for more speaking time (one has to wonder why).

It took Tralee's mayor Mikey Sheehy in the council meeting in Tralee to speak about "the pinch point" for modestly paid working people who can't buy homes, Councils are "mopping up" private developments for social housing, Mayor Mikey said.

We see this in Killarney already. Not one of the 249 social houses in Cronin's Wood will be available on the open market as had been expected at the time of the planning application.

All have been snapped up by the council as social only housing. And where is the commitment to mixed developments - mixed social and private?

Meanwhile the mystery of our absentee TDs remains: I checked and Thursday was a full Dail day. So where were Danny, Michael, Norma, Pa and Michael C?





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Tralee
Photographer
Domnick Walsh
Wins Two
National Awards
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ralee-based photographer Domnick Walsh has once again demonstrated his talent and expertise, winning two national awards for his outstanding photography at a prestigious competition. Accompanied by his picture editor Mark Nolan, also from Tralee, Domnick attended the red-carpet event, where he was recognized for his exceptional work in NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT And ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT photography.

In the highly competitive Arts & Entertainment category, Domnick secured third prize for his captivating image titled "SNOOZE CREW". This offbeat and striking image captured a unique behind-the-scenes moment at the Rose of Tralee International Festival, where a group of Roses took time out for a well-deserved rest ahead of their television rehearsals. The Judge's said...

The photograph's composition and storytelling perfectly encapsulated the essence of the event, making it a standout entry in the

competition.

Domnick also took home second prize for his breathtaking image titled "NATURE'S WINTER TRANSFORMATION". This remarkable drone photograph showcases the stunning natural beauty of Tralee's Town Park on a freezing winters morning. The Judge's said...

Captured from an unusual angle, the image highlights the magical colors and light of nature, presenting a fresh and captivating perspective of the Kerry landscape.

Adding to his list of achievements, Domnick also had three of his images selected among the Top 100 images of the year, further solidifying his reputation as one of Ireland's leading photographers. His ability to capture the essence of a moment, whether in the vibrant world of entertainment or the serene beauty of nature, has made him a standout talent in the field.

Speaking about his success, Domnick Walsh expressed his gratitude and excitement:

"It's an incredible honor to receive these awards and to have my work recognized on a national level. Both of these images represent what I love most about photography—capturing real moments, whether it's the quiet, behind-the-scenes moments of a major event or the breathtaking transformation of nature. I'm also delighted that three of my images made it to the Top 100, which is a testament to the effort and passion I put into my work."

As a renowned press and PR photographer, Domnick has built an impressive career capturing some of the most significant events and landscapes across Ireland. His work has been featured in numerous national, local, and online publications, bringing the beauty and spirit of Kerry and beyond to a wider audience. The awards ceremony, attended by some of the most talented photographers in the country, celebrated excellence in visual storytelling. Domnick's achievements reinforce his standing in the industry and highlight his dedication to capturing compelling and impactful images.

For more information or to view Domnick Walsh's award-winning photography, visit www.dwalshphoto.ie.







Pres Secondary Students Explore the Power of **Renewable Energy**

Students of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland were given an electrifying introduction to energy and sustainability this week, thanks to an interactive workshop led by Catherine Daly from the Sustainable Energy Association Of Ireland.

First Year Students dived into the fascinating world of energy, exploring the differences between potential and kinetic energy through fun, hands-on experiments. Ms. Daly highlighted the urgent need to transition from fossil fuels which release harmful greenhouses gases, to the use of cleaner renewable sources such as wind, wave and solar energy.

'It was really fun to see how energy works in real life', said one student. 'The experiments helped us to understand why green energy is so important to living in a more sustainable world.'
Later in the day, Transition Year

Students tackled the pressing issue of climate change. Through experiments demonstrating the harmful effects of CO2 emissions and ocean acidification, they gained a deeper understanding of the global impact of rising temperatures, particularly on developing countries.

'It opened our eyes to what we can do to prevent further global warming', said Cait Daly, a Transition Year Student. 'Every small action counts, like recycling, walking, taking shorter showers and switching off lights'.

The workshops left students not only informed but also inspired to take action. With growing awareness and commitment to sustainability, the future of energy conservation is looking brighter at Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland.



First Year Workshop. L-R - Ríona Walsh, Sarah Lenihan, Jane Yevheniia,



Transition Year Students engaging in CO2 Experiment. Front L-R - Sonia Casis, Niamh O'Donnell, Chloe McDonnell. Middle Row: L-R - Cáit Daly, Christina Credo. Back L-R - Amelia McCrohan, Aoibhinn Walsh, Sira Boix, Grace McGovern.

Kerry woman calls for community

to go all in against cancer this Daffodil Day

Kerry woman and breast cancer patient Katie Foley from Inch is calling on her local community to go all in against cancer for the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day, which takes place on Friday, 28 March.

Katie Foley, 29, who is from Inch, Co. Kerry, received a breast cancer diagnosis in September 2024 after two years of struggling with symptoms including pain and itchiness in her right breast. She is currently in active treatment, which includes chemotherapy, a mastectomy, lymph node removal and radiotherapy.

Reflecting on her cancer experience, Katie said: "Don't second-guess yourself. Listen to your instincts and your gut feeling, nobody knows your body better



than you. If there's any reason for concern, get it checked and make sure you're seen to."

She added: "Every euro raised on Daffodil Day is crucial and makes a real lasting difference, fuelling life-changing cancer research and vital support services. I would encourage everyone to please get out there on Daffodil Day, March 28th, and show your support for those affected by cancer in your local community."

The Irish Cancer Society is there to ensure that every person affected by cancer has a place to turn to, the support they need and the hope that there will come a day when no one in Ireland dies from cancer.

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It's the final countdown.



Shannon who plays ead role of Eva Perón and Derek ary (who plays her husband Juan rón) and David Quane as 'Che' pictured during rehearsals.

Final countdown to Opening Night ...or in the words of Eva Peron, brought to life by the lyrics of lyricist extraordinaire himself, Tim Rice.....' I saw the lights and I was on my way'. And now Killarney Musical Society is set to dazzle audiences with it's highly anticipated production of Evita as we find ourselves in the midst of the last few days of rehearsals preparing to bring those lights to life at the INEC running on March 11th, 12th and 13th.....EVITA....yes that's next week!!!! So get your tickets, you really don't want to miss this spectacular show.

fter months of rehearsals, after countless rehearsal venues...let's just say, it's been a whirlwind of a musical year so far and so we're excited and feeling very grateful to be close to opening night as we put the finishing touches to what is an absolutely incredible show. We can promise the audience an unforgettable experience as the musical maestro himself, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber through his melodic and musical genius ensures we are brought on an emotional rollercoaster of a journey through Eva Peron's life, with crescendos and decrescendos mimicking the twists and turns of Evita's life throughout the show.

After all the hours of hard work, tough technical learning, late nights, early morning's and everything in-between we are ready to bring this beautiful story of passion, power and drama



to life once again on the stage of Gleneagle INEC Arena, featuring an incredible cast, and a creative team beyond compare, an outstanding 16 piece orchestra under the direction of the sublimely talented Musical Director, Jimmy Brockie, ably assisted by our chorus mistress Sorcha O'Connor, classy, slick choreography by Stephen O'Rian, and years of experience of direction and production from Liam Butler..... merge all this with stunning sets, scintillating sound supplied and operated by Star Sound Systems, classic couture costumes from Pat McGann, illuminated by the lighting legend John Hurley of InFocus Lighting and Projection Design, this really is a must see event.

As the excitement builds we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all the people who have helped us get to here, our ever supporting Patrons and Friends of KMS,

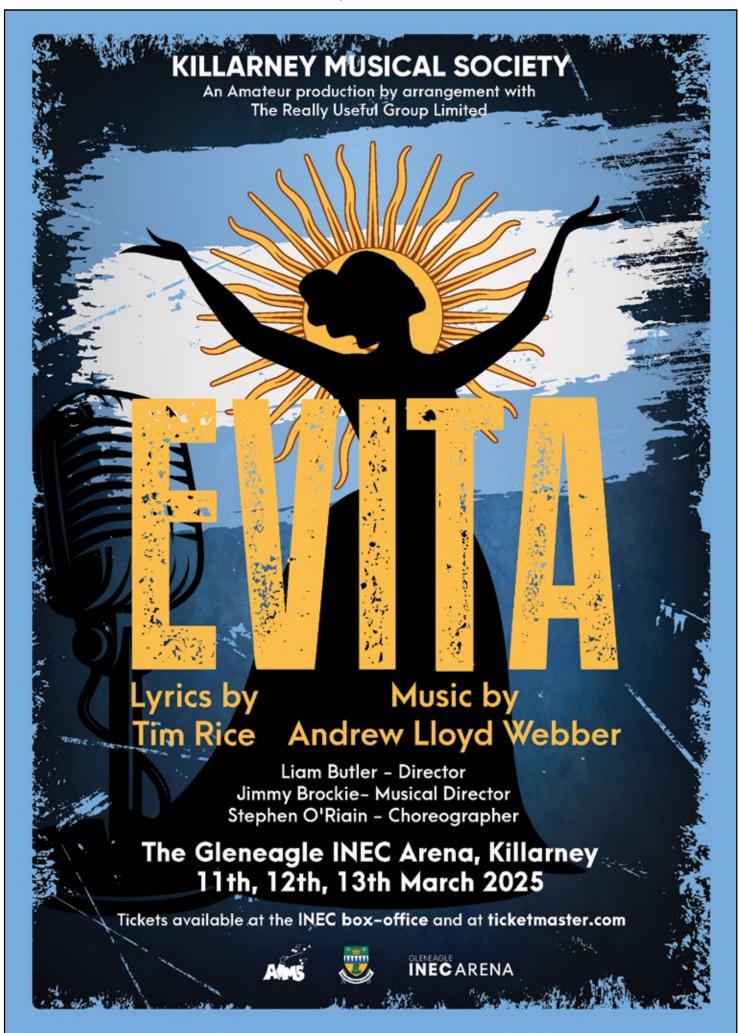
Sponsors and Community Supporters, your continued encouragement and enthusiasm help to ensure we continue to exist as we strive to bring our contribution to the arts in Killarney and beyond, we thank you all most sincerely.

To all our local schools, hotels and premises locally who have so kindly let us use their venues for our rehearsals, as we strive to find suitable venues.....thank you so so much. Your help, assistance and generosity has been invaluable to us as a society and we are deeply indebted to you all. For you it may have been a school hall, an assembly hall, a sports hall, a large space or room...to us it was a stage, a place for magic to be created and above all a safe place for us to do what we love to do.

Finally as we finish up our weekly promotional updates we just want to say a very heartfelt thank you to all for reading our news, thank you for supporting us, thank you for thinking of us and above all thank you to our audience...... each and every one of you help to provide a wonderful, kind and caring contribution to our Killarney Musical Society journey. We hope you get to see our production of 'Evita' and if you do, we hope it becomes as special to you as it is to us.

We'll finish off with some wise words from Juan Peron to his beloved Eva.....'But when you act, you take us away from the squalor of the real world'..... May this production stay with you long after the final curtain falls.

Tickets available from Gleneagle INEC Arena box office tel. 064 6671555 or from Ticketmaster.ie



Musical Instruments Strike a Chord in Kerry

In 2023, the Library Services, Environment Office, Arts Office, and Integration Department of Kerry County Council, along with Music Generation Kerry, invited anyone who was considering donating unused musical instruments to do so through their local library. That call was met with great generosity from the people of Kerry, and Kerry Library continue to welcome dusty keyboards, long-forgotten guitars, violins, and even an electric organ!

If you would like to contribute to this worthy project, check your attics and sheds for unused instruments and bring them to your local library.

Music Generation Kerry evaluates all donated instruments and compiles a comprehensive catalogue. Through this initiative, these instruments are made available for borrowing to all residents of Kerry.

Deirdre Johnson, Music Generation Kerry Coordinator, describes the importance of the project as: "The Musical Instruments Project is a powerful initiative that gives people the opportunity to borrow instruments from their local library, just like they would a book. This access to music opens doors to creativity, skill-building and performance, helping to boost confidence and self-expression. When everyone has the chance to learn and play music, they gain more than just a new skill they gain a sense of pride, accomplishment and well-being."

A parent of an aspiring banjo player highlighted how the project empowers young people to

build confidence and a sense of achievement without the burden of cost:

"Without a donated instrument my son would not have been able to learn how to play a new and unfamiliar instrument. As a parent, I would not have been able to invest in a new instrument until I knew whether or not my son enjoyed even playing this new instrument. With the instrument donation, my son has thrived and really enjoyed learning the banjo. Additionally, the commitment from Music Generation to source quality instruments and offer them to students is a superior opportunity and I am so grateful for the Music Generation programme's investment in my child."

Libraries have always been places of discovery. The Musical Instruments Project complements Kerry Library's mission of providing accessible resources to the local community.

Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council, Breandán Fitzgerald says: "This remarkable project shows Kerry at its best with neighbours helping neighbours to discover the joy of music through our library network. It is not just about sharing instruments; it's about building a more vibrant, creative community where everyone has the opportunity to explore their musical potential."

To avail of or contribute to the project, please visit your local library. Donations will be accepted at any of the nine Kerry libraries. Details of all library services, including opening hours, are available at www.kerrylibrary.ie.







Office of Public Works Intervenes for Conservation of one of Ireland's Endangered Native Species

On World Wildlife Day which took place on March 3rd the Office of Public Works (OPW) is highlighting a conservation intervention at one of its high profile heritage sites on behalf of a native endangered species.

The Natterjack Toad is Ireland's only native toad species and found in just a handful of mostly coastal locations in Kerry.

At Derrynane House and Historic Park, the Natterjack relies on shallow, artificial ponds for breeding, but due to coastal erosion exacerbated by climate change, one of those ponds has become at risk of being overwhelmed by the Atlantic Ocean. A baseline survey was undertaken along with recommendations to further improve the sites important



biodiversity. The report concludes that the good management at Derrynane National Historic Park is resulting in the overall good health of the habitats and protected species at the site.

For more information on OPW's conservation efforts and work in managing heritage sites, please visit www.opw.ie.

Lucky Kerry winner scoops €500,000 with Prize Bonds

A lucky Kerry winner has won half a million euro in the

This week's Prize Bond Star Prize of €500,000 goes to lucky Prize Bond number AZC607185 held in County Kerry. The lucky bond was purchased in 2022. There were over 8,868 prizes awarded in this week's Prize Bond Draw, amounting to over €1,241,950.

In addition to a \in 500,000 prize awarded on the last weekly draw of every calendar month, there are weekly draws where the top prize is \in 50,000. Other cash prizes awarded each week include 20 of \in 1,000 and 20 of \in 500.

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Gleneagle Recognised as a Best Large Workplace in Ireland for 2025

Gleneagle, Killarney was recognised as one of Ireland's Top Twenty Best Large Workplaces for 2025 at the prestigious Great Place to Work ceremony, held at the Clayton Hotel Burlington Road in Dublin.

This prestigious accolade, awarded by Great Place to Work, celebrates organisations that prioritise employee well-being, innovation, and a strong workplace culture. Cathal Divilly, CEO of Great Place to Work, remarked on the importance of creating workplaces where employees thrive. "The workplace is evolving at an unprecedented pace, driven by innovation, technology, and the changing expectations of employees. As we reflect on the past year and look toward the future, one thing remains certain—organisations that prioritise trust and employee experience stand out as the true leaders of today and tomorrow."

As a leader in the hospitality industry, Gleneagle has long been recognised for its dedication to employee satisfaction, well-being, and professional growth. The company's innovative approach to employee engagement, from flexible working arrangements to mental health support, has made it one of Ireland's top workplaces.

Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO of Gleneagle said: "We are honoured to be named a Best Large Workplace in Ireland for 2025. This achievement reflects the dedication of our entire team, who contribute every day to making Gleneagle a place where employees feel supported and valued. At Gleneagle, we firmly believe that by



Pictured at The Great Place to Work Awards Ceremony were (Front L to R) John Dolan, General Manager, Ann O'Leary, People and Culture Manager, (Back L to R) Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO, Jadwiga Surmiak, Deputy General Manager, Ciaran Cronin, CFO and Valerie Steinbeck, Commercial Director.

investing in our people, we are building a more resilient and innovative organisation for the future"

"He added, "It's also fantastic to see so many hospitality businesses included in this year's awards. Congratulations to all the hospitality companies that made the list."

The Best Workplaces in Ireland recognition is

based on a rigorous assessment of employee feedback, with insights gathered from over 82,000 employees across Ireland. The Great Place to Work Trust Index survey covers key areas such as career development, recognition, well-being, and teamwork, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of what makes an organisation a truly great place to work.

Kerry College Open Week 2025:

Kerry College, February 2025 – Kerry College's Open Week 2025 has been hailed as a huge success, drawing in excess of 6,000 prospective applicants, parents, educators and industry professionals to campuses across the county. The week-long event provided an exciting opportunity for visitors to explore a wide range of full-time, part-time and apprenticeship programmes, meet expert teachers and instructors and experience first-hand what Kerry College has to offer.

Highlights of the week were the Individual Campus Open Days, where attendees engaged with staff and learners, discovered available courses and gained valuable insights into career pathways. This was followed by the Find Your Path Events, an interactive session held in the evening that guided attendees in choosing the right educational journey to match their ambitions.

Adding to the success of the week, Kerry College's Annual Apprenticeship Open Night was another standout event.

Taking place on Thursday evening from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, this event provided a unique opportunity for future apprentices to explore career prospects through the apprenticeship model. Visitors met with employers, discovered in-demand industries and took their first steps toward exciting career opportunities.

In addition to campus events, Kerry College launched an exciting Like, Follow & Share competition, giving away two tickets to Animation Dingle—a fantastic opportunity for students interested in the creative industries to experience one of Ireland's top animation festivals. Check out Kerry College socials to be in with a chance to win!

Speaking about the success of Open Week 2025, Admissions Office Manager Elaine O' Connor at Kerry College said:



"We are

delighted with the turnout and enthusiasm from everyone who attended our Open Week. It's inspiring to see so many individuals eager to explore their future with Kerry College and take the next step in their education and careers. We look forward to welcoming many of them as Kerry College learners in the near future."

With a vibrant mix of events, hands-on experiences and industry connections, Kerry College Open Week 2025 has once again proven to be an invaluable resource for anyone considering Further Education and Training, upskilling, or career advancement.

For more information on courses and upcoming events, visit www.kerrycollege.ie or follow us on social media.



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Kilcummin GAA Juvenile Academy INFORMATION NIGHT PLANNED

Kilcummin GAA will hold a special Juvenile information/registration night on Thursday 13th March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm to attract new members as well as to increase the interest in U6s & U8s and to recruit new mentors at these age groups.

Newly elected Kilcummin GAA Juvenile Chairperson Philip O Connor is hoping that the evening will prove popular with parents of first time Academy attendees

"It can be a tough enough time when you are looking to start your children playing sport and we want to help parents get the answers they need before the popular academy begins in April. We have a very active academy that runs from April until the end of October and every Saturday morning the club fields are taken over by boys and girls from as young as 5 right up to 12 years old all enjoying the games and the training under the expert supervision of our club coaches

As well as new players, the club are also on the hunt for a number of additional volunteers and coaches for the ever-increasing number of teams both boys and girls.

It is something that new Kilcummin GAA Juvenile secretary Julieann Lane is very conscious of.

"We are a growing club, and we can see that each year with the amount of new children turning up at the academy. It is fantastic to see, and we are very conscious that we need to invest fully in the youth within the club, so its important that our academy is inclusive and fun especially for first time children



Last Saturday players from all age groups turned up for the Club Academy launch with many of them having fond memories of their first days at the academy. One player in particular is Senior player Gary O'Leary who is now watching his son Jack follow in the club tradition

"Its great the work that goes on every Saturday especially with the younger players. It takes a bit of time to teach the skills and there is always a great buzz about the place.



Carter Leahy, Bobby Curran, Grayson Leahy and Finn Abbie Murphy, Michelle Doolan, Abbie McGuire and McGuire and Joe O Connor who have all come through Casey who can't wait to get back to training



Helping Hands: New academy Kilcummin members Getting back to training: Kilcummin Ladies players Time to fill the Stand: Kilcummin's Jake Dann, Abbie Amy O Sullivan



the Kilcummin GAA Academy.

KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PARTNER WITH 2GOCUP

Killarney Community College has become the first school in Killarney to partner with the 2GoCup company! Thanks to KCC Parents' Council, the school has secured a generous donation of 200 reusable cups for senior cycle students. Teacher Tara O' Shea stated, "This partnership is another step in our ongoing commitment to sustainability and reducing single-use plastics." As part of this initiative, Ms. O' Shea held a series of short workshops aimed at helping students understand the importance

of sustainability. During these sessions, students learned about the environmental impact of disposable paper cups, with a particular focus on the work of the 2GoCup company, which offers a sustainable alternative to single-use cups. It's estimated that over 200 million paper cups are used every year in Ireland, yet only a small fraction of them can actually be recycled

due to the plastic lining that makes them non-recyclable. In response to these concerning statistics, Killarney Community College is on a mission to raise awareness and promote environmentally friendly alternatives. This collaboration with 2GoCup, alongside KCC's sustainability initiatives, is a key step in fostering a culture of environmental responsibility. A big thank you to everyone who made this partnership possible!







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During the residency, the artist helps to mentor peers in addition to creating opportunities for people to get actively involved in visual arts. Lisa has great experience and brings a wealth of inspiration to her current role.

Lisa is an artist, filmmaker, writer and grower who has spent over twenty years cultivating deep-rooted connections between art, food, nature and peace. Her studio is based at The Barna Way, an organic farm, woodland and wildlife sanctuary near Ballybunion. Her practice is multidisciplinary and includes socially engaged, collaborative and performative projects; moving image; large



scale installations; as well as drawing and creative writing. In 2025 Lisa is looking forward to engaging with more schools and community groups interested in learning more about visual arts. She is looking forward to supporting artists too, towards helping to build and sustain their visual arts practice.

For further information, please contact Kerry Arts Office on 066 718 3541 or by email arts@kerrycoco.ie

The Kerry Visual Artist in Residence is cofunded by Kerry County Council and The Arts Council of Ireland.

A Very Special Day at St. Francis Special School

Friday 28th of February was a very special day at St. Francis Special School when six pupils at the school made their confirmation.

Bishop Ray Browne and Fr Derek officiated at a beautiful mass which also featured rthe school choir.

The Parents Association provided lovely food and everyone enjoyed the celebrations afterwards.

Congratulations to Aoife Bradley, Aoife o Sullivan, Ben Cronin, Rhys O'Mahony, Michael O'Sullivan and Flynn Doherty on your special day!

















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Killarney Legion GAA goes European with historic Erasmus+ Project

t was a momentous occasion this week when Sean Kelly M.E.P. along with Killarney Legion GAA club representatives and Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP) this week launched an Erasmus+ Sports Mobility project for which Legion have secured funding from National Agency Léargas, with the support of KRSP and Kerry Co. Council.

This is the first time any GAA club has availed of Erasmus+ Sports funding and the trip will see at least 10 Legion Coaches from male and female teams travel to Spanish sports resort "Club La Santa" in Lanzarote, where the coaches will shadow the CLS "Green Team" of professional instructors and coaches as they deliver a range of classes across a range of sports. The club hope this novel coach development week will aid the problems of coach retention, recruitment and development.

The objective of the Erasmus+ action "Mobility of Staff in the field of Sport" is to give the opportunity to staff in grassroots sport organisations to improve their competences, qualifications and acquire new skills through a learning mobility. The Job Shadowing scheme allows participants to spend a period of time at the hosting organisation in another country with the aim of learning new practices and gathering new ideas through observation and interaction with peers, coaches, volunteers or other staff members in their daily work at the hosting organisation

The Legion project is titled "Multisport Coach Shadowing for Multi-age Fitness & Conditioning" and it proposed to bring a group of volunteer adult coaches to Club la Santa. CLS provides coaching and activities in 80 different sports. Our coaches would shadow the (professional) coaches/instructors of the CLS "Green Team" in a range of sports activities related to our work in the club on the field, in the gym, etc. covering athletic development, fitness, and strength and conditioning for a range of participants at a range of levels from young children to older persons and beginners to experts. Examples of relevant CLS programme activities for the Legion volunteer coaches to shadow include: Football Fitness, Track Athletics, LIIT, Crossfit, Hyrox, Bodypump, various ball sports (coordination), Recovery,



At the launch of the Killarney Legion Erasmus Plus Sports Mobility Project were from I-r: Brian Looney Coordinator, David Randles Chairman, Sean Kelly MEP, Sharon O'Shea Treasurer, Gearoid O'Doherty Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership. Photo by Tatyana McGough

Fascial, Pilates, Yoga, Fitball, etc.

Shadowing would necessitate talking to the Green Team coach in advance of their session about preparation, observation by participation, debrief and feedback, and maintaining a project log of the Coaches they shadowed each day and the applicable learnings.

After the trip the volunteer coaches would contribute to the project report and apply their learnings when they return to the club for grassroots players benefit.

Local member of the European Parliament Sean Kelly M.E.P. is delighted to see a GAA club, especially in his hometown, involved in an Erasmus+ Sports projects. This is a first for the GAA and I'd encourage other clubs in Kerry and beyond to follow the Legion project closely with a view to establishing Erasmus development opportunities of their own".

The value of the funding secured is of the order of €20,000. "We are extremely grateful to the Irish national agency for Erasmus, Léargas, for the training and opportunities they provided to our club to apply for this funding. It would not have been possible to apply without the agreement of Kerry Recreation & Sports

Partnership & Kerry County Council and the club thanks

them for supporting the really exciting grassroots coach development project" said Legion Chairperson David Randles. Brian Looney, a coach with Legion's minor

team, has taken the club through the Erasmus+ application process and into a funded project. "The project represents a great opportunity for a group of our coaches to have a great learning experience and to share these learnings. Erasmus+ is a novel vehicle for grassroots sports coach development - credit to people like our MEP Sean Kelly who saw that Erasmus had potential beyond formal education. Although the application process can seem difficult, the training we got from Léargas was of huge value in creating a funded project and we appreciate their encouragement throughout that process". Gearóid O'Doherty, Co-ordinator with Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership "It is fantastic to see Killarney Legion GAA Club being so proactive and taking the opportunity to provide new coaching experiences, learnings and development, which the club and wider community can benefit from into the future"

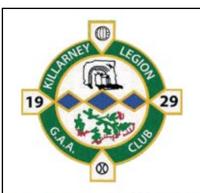
Integrated health region HSE South West stood up in Cork and Kerry

Cork and Kerry's new integrated health region, HSE South West, has been formally stood up this week,

HSE South West is now responsible for delivering all health and social care services across Cork and Kerry, replacing the structures of the South South West Hospital Group and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

As one of six new health regions across the country, HSE South West is responsible for providing integrated care across hospital, community and primary care for the people of Cork and Kerry.





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Rambling House at Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday March 10th at 8pm Refreshments served all are welcome.

TIM MOOORE MEMORIAL OUIZ

Irish Pilgrimage Trust are to bring children with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. The quiz will be taking place at The Killarney Avenue Hotel on the Tuesday 11th March, 2025 at 7.30pm. Adult teams €40 and Primary/Secondary Teams are €20.Everyone welcome.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS IRELAND'S 65 ROSE'S DAY, OUR NATIONAL FLAG DAY

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland are looking for volunteers to help them with their collections in Dunnes Stores: Killarney on Friday, 11th April 2025 from 10am to 2pm or 2pm to 7pm on this date and would like to help with our collections by sitting at a table with another volunteer. Link to: https://65roses.ie/, email 65roses@cfireland.ie or call 01 4962433 and as we would love to hear from you. Thank you so much, CFI Fundraising Team

TRÓCAIRE BOXES are available in our Churches & we ask that you take one to your home as we support those in the developing world this Lent.

KILLARNEY PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

Please note that Confirmations will be celebrated on Friday the 7th of March, there will be no 10.30am or 6.15pm Mass that day. Confirmations at 11.00am for Presentation Monastery NS, Holy Cross Mercy Ns, Loreto Scoil Bhríde NS, Loughquittane NS & Lissivigeen NS. and 2.30pm St Oliver's NS, Gaelscoil Faithleann NS & Tiernaboul NS.



Strictly Goes Country contestants gather for rehearsals with Chorographer Cassie Leen and committee members Chloe O'Doherty, Katherine Breen, Eugene O'Sullivan, Eleanor O'Doherty and Kathleen O'Shea at The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney. Strictly Goes Country will be next Saturday 8th March with doors opening at 7pm. Judges on the night are Danny Leane, Aoife Twomey, Orna Cleary O'Shea and David Rea. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Mary Launches Book in aid of Recovery Haven

A Clonkeen woman who went through a cancer battle in recent years will launch a book Fred Healy the One Eyed Gunner on International Woman's Day. Mary O'Donoghue, Coolcurtoga, Clonkeen went through a battle with oesophageal cancer in recent years. Originally from Co. Tipperary, Mary is married to local man, Sean O'Donoghue and have four daughters.

After surgery in 2022, during her recovery Mary started researching about the locality and in particular the name Fred Healy, that was mentioned on a nationwide programme about names of IRA soldiers arrested and held in Kanturk jail.

She's managed to piece together the life of Fred, who was born and raised across the River Flesk from her own home, in Islandmore and put together the timeline of his youth, his battles in World War I and his time in the IRA. This fascinating book, will be launched by Mayor of Killarney, Maura

Healy Rae on International Women's Day, 8th March in the Killarney Library @ 12pm. There will be a local launch in the Kerryway Bar, Saturday 15th March @ 8pm. All proceeds of the book will go to Recovery Haven Kerry. Local Man, Pádraig O'Sullivan said that Mary is very grateful for all those who have contributed and assisted her in getting this book to publication. He also added that she should be very proud of all her hard work and what she has achieved and in doing so, she is raising vital funds for Recovery Haven, Tralee.





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BUSINESS

RDI Hub Celebrates its five-year anniversary as €250 million in capital flows to its members

GROW YOUR BUSINESS HERE - WITH US!

RDI Hub, the renowned innovation centre driving business growth and technological advancement, has marked its fifth anniversary with the publication of its first Impact Report. In the five years since its inception, the RDI Hub has become a pivotal player in the evolving innovation landscape across Ireland. The RDI Hub has seen over €250m in capital flow through to be invested in its members to establish and grow their business. In addition, other key findings from the RDI Hub Impact Report include:

97 member companies have been supported through the RDI Hub since it opened in 2020 These companies have created and supported over 430 jobs

70 new products and services have been launched by RDI Hub companies

Over 10,000 people have attended RDI Hub training programmes, including the AI Summer School, NDRC, and Skillnet Innovation Exchange

Providing STEM education to over 500 female secondary school students in Munster in 2024. The RDI Hub's fifth anniversary was celebrated at an event at their offices in Killorglin, with stakeholders from the innovation ecosystem in attendance, including RDI Hub partners Fexco, Munster Technological University, and Kerry County Council. Minister Norma Foley delivered the keynote address, highlighting the importance of Al in shaping Ireland's future. The event also featured panel discussions with



Pictured at the RDI Hub 5 years in business event in Killorglin, County Kerry on Friday were from left, Neil Hostry, FEXCO, CEO, Sean Kelly, MEP, Liam Cronin, RDI hub CEO, Minister Michael Healy-Rae, Former Galway Hurler Joe Canning, Deputy Michael Cahill and Denis McCarthy, Fexco Chair, **Photo: Don MacMonagle**

industry leaders, including Kevin Marshall (Microsoft), Bronagh Riordan (EY), Joseph Walsh (Munster Technological University), John Kelleher (ADAPT Research Centre), and Andreea Wade (Delta Partners), as well as examples of Al use cases from Irish businesses

such as TLI, Energywise, O'Carroll Engineering, Right Group, and Tricel. Sean Kelly, MEP (Member of the European Parliament) was also be in attendance.



Pictured at the RDI Hub 5 years in business event in Killorglin, County Kerry on Friday were from left, Denis McCarthy, Fexco Chair, Tim Daly, Head of Strategy and University Performance MTU), Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. TD, Liam Cronin, RDI hub CEO, Niamh O Sullivan, Director of Services, Kerry County Council, and Brendan O Donnell Registrar MTU. Photo: Don MacMonaale



Major push to create a greener Killarney

Evelyn Moynihan (Kilkenny Group CEO), Mike Stack (Killarney Chamber Sustainability Group Chairman) and Bridget O'Keeffe (Killarney Chamber Sustainability Group) seated, with Aidan McDonnell (Acutrace), Ann Courtney (Golf Ireland Head of Sustainability), Cormac McCarthy (SEAI), Martin Bealin (Chief Consultant Dingle Hub) and Paul O'Neill (Killarney Chamber Sustainability Group) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce public meeting about sustainability in The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday night, Photos: Eamonn Keogh

Everything that can be done should be done to ensure that Killarney is not only a beautiful place to visit but it is a green destination that cares for and protects its environment, a public meeting to highlight the town's ambition to be Ireland's first sustainable town by 2030 was told.

Given the scenery, lakes and rich biodiversity that attracts visitors from all over the world, the town has a great deal to protect and preserve and everybody has a role to play, local businessman Mike Stack, chairman of a Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce sub-committee on sustainability, told the gathering in the Killarney Plaza Hotel.

"We want everyone, tourists and locals alike, to ensure that Killarney's natural beauty can be enjoyed by generations to come - it's not here just for our current generation," he insisted.

Mr Stack said conservation is at the heart of the Sustainability 2030 vision and safeguarding the environment is also of the town and its people.

"This is about empowering our local businesses with the right knowledge and the right tools to implement sustainable practices, whether that's monitoring and conserving energy, managing and reducing waste or finding new ways to operate more efficiently," Mr Stack said.

"It will help businesses to reduce costs and with the high cost environment we all operate in today, that should absolutely be

The committee said the success of the Killarney coffee cup initiative shows just what can be achieved when a community pulls together.

"That is a perfect example of how working collectively helped the town to reduce waste. It made a positive environmental impact and it shows that, when Killarney acts as one, we can lead by example and we can inspire people," Mr Stack said.

The attendance at the meeting heard that

the objectives of Sustainable Killarney 2030 include becoming Ireland's first sustainable town, creating a sustainability network within the business community, to set annual reduction targets and to reduce Killarney's carbon footprint.

Guest speakers on the night included Ann Courtney, head of sustainability with Golf Ireland, Martin Bealin, Dingle Hub, Cormac McCarthy, Sustainable Energy Authority, Evelyn Moynihan, CEO, Kilkenny Group and Aidan McDonnell, CEO, Acutrace and the event was supported by Fáilte Ireland and Kerry County Council.

Ann Courtney, a native of Killarney, said Golf Ireland developed its sustainability action plan last year with four themes fostering nature, conserving resources, tackling climate action and strengthening communities - and it has assembled a team of experts, including two leading ecologists, decarbonisation consultant and a sustainability consultant who specialises in water, waste, energy and grants.







"We see biodiversity as our trump card with up to 60 per cent of our courses available for nature," she told the gathering in Killarney. Gold Ireland supports close on 380 clubs and it provides links to the experts that have been engaged. A leaders' programme that was implemented started with 15 clubs and that has now grown to 50 with a programme to be rolled out in Northern Ireland this week.

"We meet the clubs at wherever they are on their journey and we go from there," Ms Courtney said.

Martin Bealin, who is a sustainable energy mentor for Kerry, outlined a very successful case study implemented on the Dingle Peninsula which started with the distribution of 120 questionnaires of which 69 were returned, giving an indication of the local interest.

The local committee undertook 25 energy audits, 17 businesses were mentored and 3,000 data points were provided.

He said priorities for businesses and communities to consider include changing the staff mindset, the fabric of the buildings, heat exchange, the provision of LED lighting or solar and the possible electrification of the transport fleet.

"The masterplan must also be relatable to small businesses," Mr Bealin stressed.

He said there is the potential to reduce the carbon footprint by 85 per cent and to cut energy consumption by 75 per cent.



Louise Byrne (Killarney Coffee Cup Project), Rhonda O'Donoghue (Kilkenny Design) and Karena McCarthy (Killarney Credit Union).

Cormac McCarthy of SEAI outlined the grants available to businesses, homeowners and communities and highlighted the free online energy academy that was available, courtesy of his organisation.

He recommended that everybody should get an energy audit carried out and log on to the portal to determine what supports were available. Mr McCarthy said the way to designing an energy management plan involves creating a business case for energy management, assign an energy coordinator, write an energy statement, track energy consumption and identify areas to save energy. Evelyn Moynihan, CEO, Kilkenny Group, told the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce organised

gathering that, during Covid, her company implemented a Champion Green initiative, to support small businesses and local jobs, and it worked really well.

She said it gives small businesses a platform to start, promote their wares and get their products on the shelves in Kilkenny's 21 locations. Ms Moynihan said the company she spearheads also examined ways to reduce waste, recycle visual merchandising and recycle and upcycle materials to showcase their products.

Aidan McDonnell, CEO, Acutrace, which is the country's leading energy measurement and sustainability company, said businesses and communities need to understand their energy use and how to take corrective action.

They also need to reduce their running costs through energy saving technology, understand benchmarking to make direct comparisons with businesses of a similar size and ensure businesses provide leadership in a sustainable community.

The meeting was told that by embracing sustainability, Killarney will not only safeguard the environment but also strengthen the economy.

The central message was that a greener Killarney means reduced operational costs for businesses, increased appeal to eco-conscious tourists and a healthier community for all.



Killarney Chamber Sustainability Group members Bridget O'Keeffe, Tom Randles, Ann Courtney, Mike Stack (Chairman), Stacey Mac Sweeney, Aoife McBride and Paul O'Neill at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce public meeting about sustainability in The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday night.



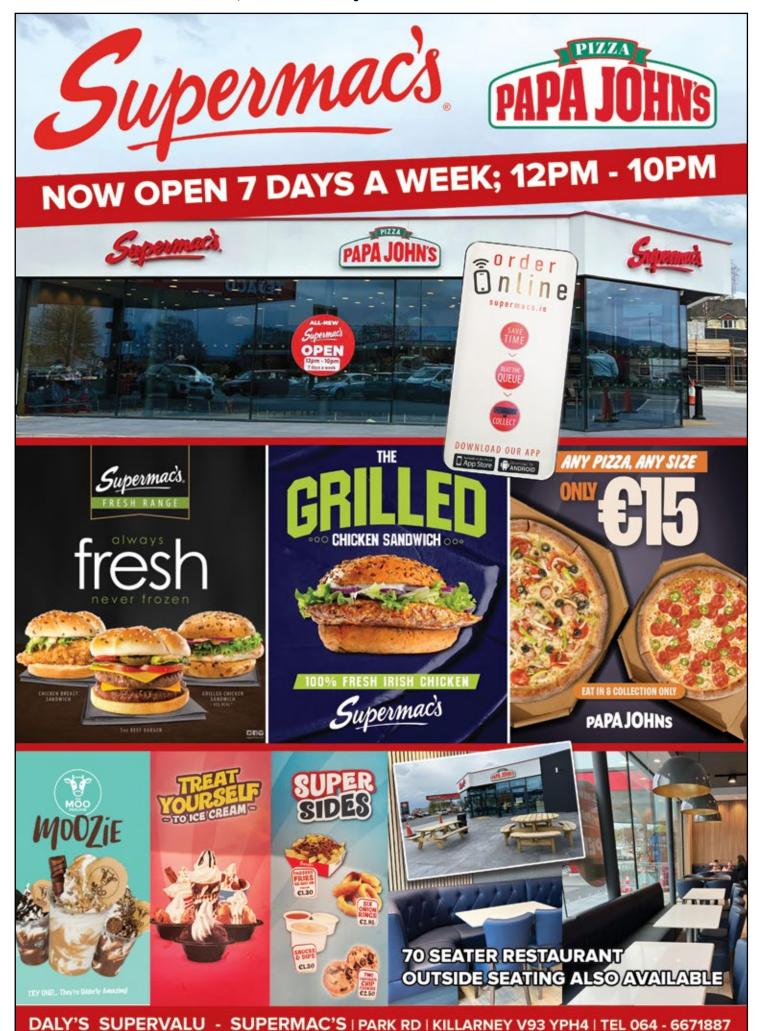








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A centralise application system and more supervision is needed in apprenticeship training

CENTRALISED

The centralised systems for applying for a third level course on the CAO website, for a tertiary degree on the National Tertiary Office (NTO) website and for a Post Leaving Cert Course (PLC) course on the Further Education and Training (FET) course hub has made life much easier for applicants. The same can't be said about the manner in which apprenticeships are recruited. To become a craft apprentice, you need to be hired by an employer for the duration of your apprenticeship but it's up to the applicant apprentice to find an employer. Prospective employers must, in turn, be approved by the State Further Education and Training Agency, SOLAS, before they can hire an apprentice.

COORDINATION

Some organisations and professional bodies run their own new generation apprenticeship schemes, to encourage young people to enter their industry, such as Accounting Technicians Ireland, the Insurance Institute of Ireland, and others. For these types of apprenticeships, the governing bodies themselves have their own list of pre-approved employers with whom apprentices can be placed, which is continually expanding as the apprentice scheme continues to grow. With 77 national apprenticeships currently available and that number gradually increasing, the application system recruiting apprentices urgently needs national coordination under a CAO type approach and independent supervision of each course.

SURVEY

A survey undertaken by the trade union Connect has warned that home-building targets are at risk due to dropout rates among craft apprentices. The survey of more than 600 apprentices in twenty-one trades revealed that many young people are dropping out of their training due to years of delay on route and poor rates of pay.

DIFFICULT

In the first place, many young people find it difficult to find a registered employer and can

be overawed by the entire process. Admittedly, the development of the website, www. apprenticeships.ie, has been a very useful step in providing relevant information, but a centralised user-friendly application system must be a priority.

DROP-OUT

At present, there are 22,000 young people training as craft apprentices but the dropout rate of 22% is alarming and is having a negative impact on the national house building programme. More than 25% of apprentices complain that are being paid less than the minimum wage. A high number of apprentices report long delays in completing their apprenticeships and feel they are being used as cheap labour long after their training should have ended.

DELAYS

The Connect survey points out that with extensive delays in registering apprentices and delays along the training stages, apprentices are becoming a low-paid group of workers in construction and other industries. The survey draws attention to the practise of some employers of taking on apprentices but not registering them with SOLAS for up to six months thereby delaying their training and paying they a low wage. Over 20% of apprentices surveyed stated that they had been dismissed or left their training before completion because they were not getting the training they needed.

CLAIMS

The survey suggests that there is over emphasis by the Government of the day on the increased take up of apprenticeships. Grandiose claims about a fulfilling training as an apprentice is all well and good. Predicting that there will be an adequate number of apprenticeships to meet Ireland's skills and human capital requirements by delivering 10,000 apprenticeship places per annum by 2025 makes positive reading. However, the Connect survey clearly shows the reality in apprenticeship training.

PROCESS

The recruitment of apprentices must be nationally or regionally centralised. It must provide an application process that is user friendly and offers apprenticeship training directly to successful applicants. The terms of the apprenticeship contract, including duration, pay structure and formal certification at the completion of each stage, must be mutually accepted by both parties from the get go. Its due time for the Government to provide a quality system of apprenticeship training that is recognised worldwide and that provides a positive learning experience for the apprentice.

CHECKLIST

- CAO, NTO and FET offer centralised application systems
- To become a craft apprentice, you need to be hired by an employer
- It's up to the applicant apprentice to find a registered employer
- Some organisations and professional bodies run their own new apprenticeship schemes
- The application system for recruiting apprentices urgently needs national coordination
- Connect trade union has warned that home-building targets are at risk due to dropout rates among craft apprentices
- More than 25% of apprentices complain that are being paid less than the minimum wage
- A high number of apprentices report long delays in completing their apprenticeships
- The recruitment of apprentices must be nationally or regionally centralised
- Its due time for the Government to provide a quality system of apprenticeship training

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Last week a number fifth year music students from Killarney Community College made the short trip to watch their peers Mischa McCarthy, Wiktoria Gluza, Cillian O'Sullivan and Davd Lynch star in the amazing production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in The Siamsa Tire Theatre in Tralee accompanied by their music teacher Ms Hughes.





From Classrooms to Cobblestones...

A PARISIAN ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER FOR KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Last week, 46 students and four staff members from Killarney Community College embarked on an unforgettable journey to Paris, immersing themselves in the language, culture, and history of the French capital. Over the course of the trip, students explored some of the city's most iconic landmarks, embraced the rhythm of daily Parisian life, and deepened their appreciation for the French language and culture.

Their adventure began with an extensive walking and bus tour, bringing them face to face with the grandeur of Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, Trocadéro, Pompidou Centre, Napoleon's Tomb, and the Arc de Triomphe. Each stop offered a glimpse into the city's rich history and architectural beauty, setting the tone for a truly immersive experience.

The group had the privilege of a guided tour of the magnificent Palace of Versailles, wandering through its opulent halls and gardens, before stepping into the world of masterpieces at the Louvre Museum, where they stood in awe before da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Paris' artistic heart continued to captivate them as they explored the bohemian streets of Montmartre, climbing the steps of Sacré-Cœur to take in one of the most breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Evenings in Paris were equally enchanting. The students enjoyed authentic French cuisine in local restaurants, including a charming crêperie, where they had the chance to practise their French conversational skills in a realworld setting. The students had the unique opportunity to connect with local French teenagers, sharing a spontaneous game of football outside a charming crêperie—an unforgettable blend of sport, culture, and authentic Parisian life! One of the most magical moments of the trip was an evening boat cruise along the Seine, where the city's landmarks



glowed under the night sky and the Eiffel Tower sparkled brilliantly, creating an unforgettable Parisian memory.

A day at Disneyland Paris provided the perfect blend of excitement and fun, offering a chance for students to experience the magic of France's most famous theme park. They also explored local markets, interacting with vendors and embracing the authentic hustle and bustle of Parisian life.

For many, the trip was more than just sightseeing—it was about stepping outside their comfort zones, building friendships, and seeing their language skills come to life in ways that a classroom could never replicate.

"This trip was an incredible experience," shared one student. "It was amazing to see everything we had learned in class come to life. Speaking French in real conversations, ordering food, asking for directions—it made me so much more confident!"

The staff were equally proud of what the students took away from the experience. "Watching the students embrace the culture, communicate in French, and truly immerse themselves in the Parisian way of life was a privilege," said one of the accompanying teachers. "Beyond the history and the landmarks, this trip gave them memories and skills that will stay with them for a lifetime."

From climbing Sacré-Cœur and the Arc de Triomphe to navigating bustling streets, indulging in French delicacies, and experiencing the city by night, Paris left a lasting mark on every student who took part. They returned home not only with souvenirs but with a deeper love for the language, new friendships, and stories that will be told for years to come.

Trócaire says climate change is denying a quarter of a billion children an education and urges Kerry support for appeal

Children all over the world are being denied an education because of the effects of the climate crisis says Trócaire as it launched its annual Trócaire Box appeal for Lent in Kerry today (4th March). More than 242 million students in 85 countries had their schooling disrupted by extreme climate events in 2024. These included heatwaves, tropical cyclones, storms, floods and droughts, exacerbating an existing learning challenge in developing countries where children already face barriers to education.

Caoimhe de Barra, Trócaire's CEO, says this issue is having a profoundly negative impact on children's futures. "The communities and families we work with are increasingly affected by erratic weather patterns caused by climate change. The deep injustice of this is that those who have done least to cause the climate crisis, and who have the least capacity to absorb and recover from its impact, or adapt in response, are suffering most severely from its impacts. As many of these rural communities rely on growing and selling crops to earn an income, the loss of livelihood has knock-on effects for families. This is why we are urging the people of Co. Kerry to support the Trócaire Box appeal this Lent."







KILCUMMIN PARISH

MULTI AREA STATION MASS

Multi Area Station Mass for Anabla Area on Wednesday 19th March @ 7.30pm in Anabla School; Clashnagarrane Area in the Parish Centre on Thursday 20th March @ 7.30pm; Mastergeeha/Glounonea Area in the club house on Monday 24th March @ 7.30pm; Coolick School Area in Coolick School on Thursday 3rd April @ 7.30pm.

KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Kilcummin Rural Development Group AGM will take place in the Kilcummin Rural Development Office on Tuesday 11th March at 8pm. New members welcome.

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí Programme: If any youth member of the branch wants to give a youth contribution for inclusion in the Fleadh programme in May, please contact the branch secretary Geraldine Pigott for details.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

This week was a bye week for the Seniors in the East Kerry Super League **COUNTY LEAGUE**

The Senior team will open their Credit Union County League Division 1 campaign with a home game to Kerins O'Rahilly's on March 16th while our B team will get their Division 7B campaign under way with a home game to Austin Stacks the same weekend.

COISTE NA NÓG

The Club will hold an information/registration night to attract new members on Thursday 13th March from 6.30-7.30pm at the club hall. With an ever increasing academy practically among the Under 6's and Under 8's we hope to recruit some additional mentors ahead of the start of the Academy in April.

MINORS

Kilcummin got off to the perfect start in their Keane's SuperValu Minor Football Club Championship with a deserving 2-15 to 1-8 win away to St. Senans in Mountcoal on Saturday in their Group D Quarter-Final. Leading at the break by the bare minimum 0-7 to 0-6 they were spurred on by two great 2nd half goals from Jack Ahern and Fionn McGuire. All 6 forwards got on the score sheet with Billy O'Donoghue scoring 5 points from play. Overall, it was a great team performance.

UNDER 15'S

Congratulations to our Under 15 Feile side who won out the annual Mick O'Brien U15 Football Tournament which was held at Nemo Rangers on Saturday, Continuing on from the good form of last year's Super 10's win in Munster the team defeated Nemo Rangers, Austin Stacks, Killarney Legion and Gaultier of Waterford before seeing off neighbours Killarney Legion in the final. Congrats to our captain Aidan Huggard and Daragh Keane on getting player of tournament.

GAA LOTTO

There was two winners of our lotto on Monday 24th February for the Jackpot of €16,250. Numbers drawn were 05,08,19,21. Congratulations to John & Margaret Lenihan and Diarmuid O'Callaghan, Rathanane. Our next draw will be on Monday 10th March for Jackpot of €2,500.

FUNDRAISING

The National Club Draw is back for 2025. Running a Club comes at a cost so we are asking all Club Supporters and Members to consider purchasing a ticket which can be done by logging onto your Foireann. ie account or by scanning the QR code attached to this email which will direct you there. Tickets are €15 and all proceeds go to Kilcummin GAA Club. There are numerous prizes on offer including cash, holiday vouchers and football and hurling packages for 2025.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Membership for Kilcummin LGFA for the 2025 season is now open for existing and new members. Membership is accessed via Foireann App or website. Membership for u-10s, u-12s, u-14s, u-16s, u-18s, Senior and Gaelic for Mothers & Others are now accepted. Please make sure that you choose Kilcummin LGFA when in Foireann.



KILCUMMIN GAA SHOP

Keep up to date on all your Kilcummin GAA Club gear by following the www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/kilcummin-gaa-club. html

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please contact Donal by emailing pro.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie or Text/WhatsApp 087-7023681 before 8pm on Sundays.

MASTERGEEHA F.C

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 28th February 2025 of the Jackpot €5,000. Numbers drawn were 14, 17, 22, 24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Susan O'Neill, Mastergeeha; Ian O'Leary, Mountain View; Mary Carroll, Maulyarkane; Eileen O'Leary O/L. The next draw will be on Friday 7th March for Jackpot of €5,200.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

U10 SOCCER TEAM

Congratulations and well done to the U10 Girls soccer team after a thrilling Semi Final in Milltown. The girls were defeated 2-1 in play off to Castlegregory. The girls continued on determined, to place 3rd in the County Final, with a 2-0 win against Ballyduff. Fair play to all the girls they were fantastic, and huge thanks to their coach Sean and to the parents for their ongoing support.

ART & HANDWRITING

Kilcummin Community Games will be holding their Art / Handwriting Competitions in Kilcummin National School on Wednesday 12th March from 5.30pm to 7.30 pm.

HANDWRITING

U10 (Over 6), U12 (Over 10), and U14.

All information and rules available on the community games website. https://www.communitygames.ie/handwriting.html

ART

U8 & U10, can draw any community games activity.

U12, U14 & U16, there is a list of activities available on the Community Games website. This list will also be given out on the evening. Paper will be provided. Participants are to bring their own pens, pencils, markers etc. All information and rules available on the community games website https://www.communitygames.ie/art.html

The winning entry in each category will go forward to be judged at County Level. Participants must reside in Kilcummin parish.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY ALERT

Kilcummin Community alert is holding their annual church gate collection this weekend the 8th & 9th of March. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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GLENFLESK PARISH Written by: Sean Daly

CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Glenflesk Ballad Group of Aoise O'Donoghue, Molly O'Donoghue, Gearoid Healy, Aileen Healy, Abby Cronin and their coach Rosie Healy who won the County Final in Scór Sinsear last Saturday night. They will represent Kerry in the Munster Final in Cappamore on the 29th of March.

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to the Glenflesk / Kilgarvan minor team who beat Northern Gaels in the Quarter Final of the Minor Club County Championship on a scoreline of 3:13 to 1:16.

EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

Our Senior team beat Gneeveguilla at home last Sunday on a scoreline of 1:16 to 2:10.

MEMORIAL WALK

The Mary B Walsh memorial walk and birthday remembrance will take place this Sunday 9th of March at 11am starting at the Castelrosse Hotel. 5km run and walk. Registration 10 to 11am. Adults €10 Family €20. All proceeds go to Irish Road Victims Association (IRVA). Please come along to remember Mary who would be 54 years old this Sunday.

TRACTOR RUN

Barraduff Tractor Run will take place this Sunday 9th March in aid of Kerry/

Cork Link Bus & Recovery Haven, Tralee. Registration from 10am with a start time of 12pm. Vintage cars and motorbikes up to 75CC are welcome too. Please come out and have a fun day while supporting two great causes.

KFRRV

Well done to Aoise O'Donoghue, who as well as winning a County Final with the Senior Scór Ballad Group was also part of the Kerry Minor team who took on Tipperary in Round 1 of the Munster Championship and narrowly lost on a score of 3:06 to 1-10. Well done also to Megan O'Reilly who was part of the Kerry U16 team that faced a strong Cork side in Round 4 of the Munster Championship and lost out on a score of 4:07 to 0:07.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOIL

Congratulations to Barraduff National School girls team who won the Cumann na mBunscoil Mini Sevens last week. They beat Loughithane, Coolick and Loretta NS's.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is now due and can be purchased on the Clubforce App. Membership can also be paid at O'Briens, Glenflesk and O'Donoghue's, Barraduff. Forms and envelopes in store.

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to pro. glenflesk. kerry@gaa $\,$

BEAUFORT PARISH By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Beaufort minor men will play in the Club Championship, Group E semifinal on the weekend of the 8th/9th March. Draw to be made Beaufort senior men play in the semi-final of the Mid Kerry senior League on same weekend.

RESULTS - MINOR MEN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Beaufort 6.12 Currow 5.12

Mid Kerry senior league, round 3. Cromane 4.02 Beaufort 1.16

MATCH REPORT

Beaufort minor men, sponsored by Harpoon Connect began their 2025 season on Saturday 1st March with a home game against Currow in the first round of the minor club championship, Group E.

The game was played with 11 a side due to both teams being without players due to injuries, holidays and other commitments.

Halftime score-Beaufort 3.6 Currow 2.6.

Fulltime score-Beaufort 6.12 Currow 5.12

Beaufort team-Adam Galvin, Arthur Gabbett, Ronan Coffey, Eoin Kissane, Leo Allen, Calum Galvin, Fionn Kennedy, Joseph Coffey, Kevin Coffey, Michael Culhane, Calum Smith. Well done to all the players who put in a massive team effort to get the victory. The semi-final will be played on 8th or 9th March.

BEAUFORT PIONEER COUNCIL will hold a Social to mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of St Mary's Pioneer Centre, Beaufort. It will

take place on Friday 25th April at Kate Kearney's Cottage. Details available from 064-6644319 or 064-6644252.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €4,800 on Sunday, 2nd March.

Numbers: 5, 7, 14, 20.

Consolation Prizes

€80 Janelle Moriarty, Keim. €50 Aideen Breen c/o Mary, James Tobin Beaufort Park, James Doyle, Kilgobnet.

The next draw for a jackpot of €5,000 will be on Sunday, 16th March. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for supporting our lotto.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership for 2025 is now open. Prices are: Family with 2 Adult family members using gym is \in 100. Individual gym and Club is \in 100. Senior player \in 100. Student \in 60. OAP \in 30 or \in 60 per couple. Membership can be paid online or by cash. It can be paid on www.foireann.ie or beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/membership.

For more information, please contact Patie at 087 2515311

SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

entries can be done in the month of March. Predict the score of 24 sporting events of 2025. Sheets will be available from usual sellers, shops and public houses or any committee member.

SPA PARISH By Leanne Cron

MINOR MATCH REPORT

On Saturday afternoon a youthful Spa minor team travelled to Moyvane in the quarter final of the club championship. On a heavy pitch a physically stronger Moyvane team made the stronger start and after 20 minutes led by 9 points to 1. As the first half progressed our boys grew into the game and finished the half strongly, leaving the score at half time 11 points to 5. The boys made a good start to the second half but were unable to convert some good chances. Moyvane broke and scored a well worth goal. Credit to our lads, they never gave up and finished the game strongly leaving the final score 1:15 to 1:08.

Our boys will be out again next weekend in the semi final of the shield. **ACADEMY**

Our Academy returned on Saturday last between 10-11 with new and returning faces attending, our Academy is open to boys and girls from 3+ years. We focus on developing fundamental movement skills in a fun, supportive environment. We offer free membership for U5s & U6s, making it even easier to get involved! At Spa GAA, we pride ourselves on being a friendly, inclusive club where every child feels welcome.

While training is underway our coffee doc will be open and our barista

volunteers will be busy providing a wide variety of tea, coffee and treats. All money made from the coffee doc goes back in to our Cóiste na nÓg supporting the Academy and Juvenile teams throughout the year. All welcome!

SCOR

Well done to our Senior Scór quiz team who came second in the County Final in the Austin Stack pavilion on Friday last, the team consists of Seamus Clifford, John O' Donoghue, Jimmy O' Sullivan D'Arcy, Michael Aherne and sub Eileen Aherne.

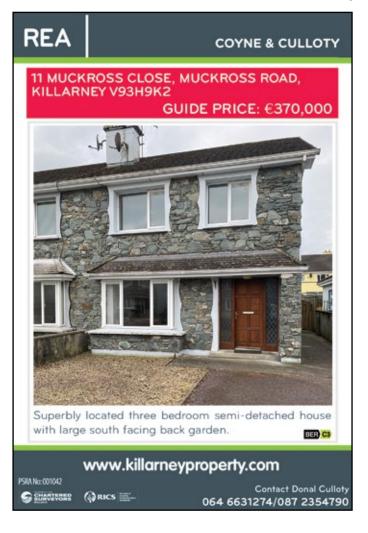
Congratulations also to our winning Scór Sinsir set dancing team consisting Liam Spillane, Kianan O Doherty, Darragh Brosnan, Diarmuid O Donovan, Meghann Cronin, Katie Cronin, Anna O Connor, Katie O Connor.

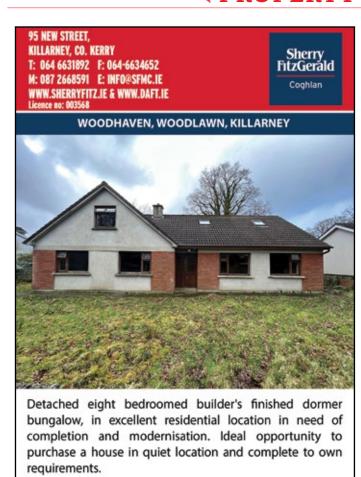
2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is available on the Spa website via Clubforce or on foireann.ie Deirdre and Ger will also be in Spa every Monday night for the next few weeks from 7.30-8.30pm to assist with registration for the coming year

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411





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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

GNEEVEGUILLA GAA CLUB

A fantastic night was had on Friday night in the club celebrating the Ladies committees 40th anniversary. There was some wonderful presentations made to 5 of the original members - Marian O'Keeffe, Nono Fitzgerald, Ann Cronin, Bernie McCarthy (collected by Jula McCarthy) and Sheila O'Leary, who is still a current member. Fantastic night held by all. Well done to all ladies past and present on a successful night and we all look forward to the next 40 years of the committee.

RAMBLING HOUSE at Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday March 10th at 8pm Refreshments served all are welcome.

GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY FACILITY GROUP

reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly.. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page.

This week's jackpot was €203 and the winner was Siobhan Connors

Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5..They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

GNEEVEGUILLA ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

will take place on Monday 17th March after 9.30am mass. We want to spread colour through our lovely village.Preparations are already underway Walk proud with your club or join Gneeveguilla Tidy Village in your brightest clothing.

STORIED KERRY TUREENCAHILL

is looking for photographs and memorabilia to support their project, "The History and Future of Tureencahill Community Centre." If you have any items that reflect your time at the school or your attendance at events in the centre, we would love to include them. Please share your digital or hard copies of your photographs etc with us by 31st March. For more information, or to arrange sharing your items, please contact: Margaret – 087 7428274 Kathleen – 087 0576107.

RATHMORE ST PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday March 9th @2pm. Lead By Grand Marshall Danielle O'Leary Rathmore & kerry Ladies Footballer & kerry comaige & claremorris this year's Theme Follow your Dreams. Best Overall Float will be awarded the Frank Bluckley Memorial Cup Plus prizes for Best vintage vehicle

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Agricultural Float

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SHANE'S FRIEND'S OF LATE SHANE O' KEEFFE

have come together to challenge themselves while raising money for Kerry Mental, health association. On May 17th Dan, Mikey, Tim, Clarke and Cathal are taking on individual challenges, either completing a half. marathon or climbing Carrauntoohil.

All Proceeds to Kerry Mental Association

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RATHMORE GAA CLUB

invite you to Fabulous Award night on Sunday March 16th at Killarney racecourse from 7-30pm. Honouring the 1984 & 2014 & 2024

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RATHMORE GAA CLUB

Minor Co A Championship Rathmore 3-17 to Ballymac 2-09 fulltime in Extra time.

KNOCKNAGREE ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Be part of this year's St Patricks's Day Parade on Monday, March 17th @11am WE NEED YOU!, children, teenagers and adults to be part of this year's festivities in Knocknagree. If you are interested in being part of this amazing event please DM or any committee member. We would encourage you to apply as soon as possible! Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of the parade! If anyone would like to help the committee, please get in touch as it is only for a few short weeks.

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NOTES if you would like to add to the notes please email Michael O'Mahony (momahony14@gmail.com) or ring or text 087--6676817. Before 6pm Sunday.

LISTRY PARISH

ritten by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €7,650

Winning Numbers, 5,16,24,25, Not Won €100 Holly O'Meara (online) - €50 Columba Glavin (online)

€50Heather Miller, Faha - €25 Noel Sullivan

€25 Julia Looney.Jackpot next week : €7,800

MINORS

Best of luck to our minor team who play the semi final of the Keanes Super value minor championship on Saturday the 8th of March opposition and Venue thc.







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MONEY MATTERS.

By Dermot Cronin, Financial Advisor



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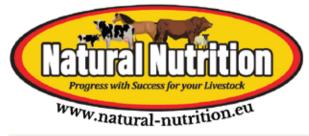
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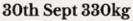




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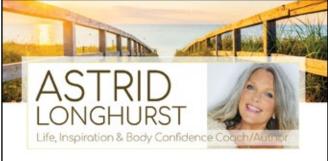
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DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY

Whenever we are criticised or feel as if we are being attacked, it is easy to take it to heart and allow someone else's comments or opinions to really hurt us. However, the key thing to remember is that what is being said tells you more about the person who is saying it than you. Everyone is entitled to their opinion but it doesn't make them right. This is vital to remember when dealing with difficult people or situations.

3 steps to managing negative comments or feedback

- Thank the person for their view point and if it is something you don't agree with, gently put your own view and belief across and leave it there. Don't get drawn into an argument. You've said it once and that is enough. You know what is true about you.
- Evaluate what someone is saying and if there is something that you feel does apply to you, use this for self-reflection and personal growth. Take what is constructive and let go of the rest.
- Remember that what anyone says or thinks comes from their own history, beliefs and life experiences. It belongs to them. Allow yourself to have compassion for this person and shake their words off like water off a ducks back!

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PENCIL, LIQUID OR GEL LINER?

Eye liner is a staple beauty product in every woman's make-up bag as it can transform your look. A soft pencil is the easiest to use if it is sharpened well. Use your index finger to hold your eyelid taunt just under your outer brow. If you find it difficult, apply dots of colour first along your lash line and join together after with small strokes. Gel liner is pliable, making it easier to apply if you use a nice thin brush while holding your eyelid taunt. It creates a solid color instantly without having to laver it up and mistakes can be fixed with a cotton tip as it does not set immediately. Pencil or gel can also be smudged out with a pencil brush to create a soft smokey line. You may need more



practice to use liquid or felt tip liners. These create intense colour and are great for a winged look or precise flick. Choose waterproof liquid liner if you have oily eyelids or watery eyes.

Experiment with different liners under good lighting to find which suits you best.

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UNDERSTANDINGMACRONUTRIENTS AND THEIR ROLE IN FITNESS

(continued from last week)

Maintenance

If you are looking to maintain your weight and fitness level, a balanced approach is key. A typical ratio could be 40% carbohydrates, 30% protein, and 30% fats. This ratio helps to ensure that you have enough energy for workouts while still supporting muscle health and hormonal balance.

In conclusion understanding macronutrients and their roles in fitness is fundamental for anyone aiming to optimize their health and performance. By learning how to balance carbohydrates, proteins, and fats according to your specific fitness goals, you can create a diet that supports your lifestyle and maximizes your results. Remember that personal preferences, dietary restrictions, and individual responses to different foods can vary, so if you need help at B Well Fitness Club we offer nutrition plans that we tailor so that it's right for you. For more details contact us on 087-7643449 or email info@bwellfitnessclub.com



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These 'refractive errors' can cause vision to be blurred, and may lead to headaches and eye strain.

Myopia – short sightedness

Myopia is a refractive condition of the eye where light focuses in front of the retina. This makes distant objects appear blurry, but objects that are close are clearer.

If the amount of myopia is large enough and is left uncorrected. distance vision is poor and may lead to headaches and eye strain.

Hyperopia – long sightedness

Hyperopia is a refractive condition of the eye where light focuses behind the retina. This makes close objects blurry, and while distant objects may appear clearer sometimes they are blurry too.

If the amount of hyperopia is large enough and is left uncorrected, lead to headaches and eye strain, particularly in adults.

Astigmatism

Astigmatism is where the optical surfaces are shaped more like a rugby ball than a football. This means that there is not a clear single point of focus. If left uncorrected, it can also lead to headaches and eve strain.

Presbyopia

Presbyopia is caused by a loss of flexibility of the lens inside the eye. It affects all people as they age, generally becoming problematic after 40 years of age.

Presbyopia results in the inability to focus on close objects.

Presbyopia makes it difficult to read small print, and focus on closer objects, particularly in poor

From a routine sight test we can recommend wearing an appropriate correction, such as reading glasses, or multifocal glasses.

For more information and honest advice contact us for an appointment.





Attendees at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce public meeting about sustainability in The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh





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WHITE HOUSE VISIT

Following the public broadcasting of the White House meeting between USA President Trump, Vice President Vance and the Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, not everybody is convinced that our Taoíseach, Micheál Martin should go ahead with his planned visit on St Patrick's Day to Washington DC, which has become an annual event. Kerry TD Michael Cahill believes that Mr Zelenskyy was treated very badly by the American contingent and was set up for a dressing down in front of the world's media.

"Such treatment of our Taoíseach would be totally unacceptable to the Irish people and would damage USA/Republic of Ireland relations immeasurably. The Ukrainian President was ambushed on camera and shouted down in a most unwelcoming and unmannerly way by his hosts and it was horrible to witness" stated Deputy Cahill.

"To turn down an invitation to the White House on St Patrick's Day would have major repercussions for trade and relations between our two nations. But it seems already to be the case that President Trump intends to load 25% tariffs on Irish and European imports to the USA, which would of course have an enormously negative effect on our economy" said the Fianna Fáil man.

"We need to proceed very carefully and not allow our Taoíseach's office be treated in any kind of discourteous or disrespectful manner. As a

member of the EU alone , we deserve to be treated respectfully and also we need to continue to support the people of Ukraine" said Deputy Cahill.

"Diplomacy will decide whether the visit will go ahead or not, but respect between heads of state needs to be returned to our airwaves" added Michael Cahill TD.



BRAY HEAD

The Wild Atlantic Way is a fabulous attraction for visitors touring Ireland and Fianna Fáil Councillor, Tommy Cahill has welcomed Fáilte Ireland's investment in Bray Head Valentia Island, which is one of its features. "Bray Head is a spectacular viewing point on Valentia that is easily accessible and where Skellig Michael seems to be nearly within your grasp. It is a lovely stroll from the car park to the Tower, where you are well rewarded with spectacular scenery" stated the Rossbeigh Councillor. "Bray Tower has probably been one of the hidden gems along the Ring

"Bray Tower has probably been one of the hidden gems along the Ring of Kerry, but I'm sure that following this investment, many more people will flock there to enjoy its peace and beauty" added Councillor Cahill.



Over one million euros outstanding in unpaid district court fines in Kerry

- Ní Mhurchú

Ní Mhurchú describes the inability of our courts service to fully collect unpaid district court fines as a slap in the face to the victims of their crimes. Ireland South MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú, a former barrister, has described the extraordinary amount of unpaid district court fines in Ireland as a slap in the face to the victims of their crimes. Her comments come as the Irish Courts service released figures to Ní Mhurchú, under the freedom of information act, which show that almost €45 million in unpaid district court fines are outstanding across Ireland's district court system since 2020. In Kerry, €1,055,520.86 in fines at the District court office in Tralee remain unpaid or partially paid since 2020. That covers the district courts of Tralee, Killarney, Killorglin, Kenmare, Listowel, Cahersiveen and Dingle. Ní Mhurchú has called for the issue of unpaid district court fines to be included in the upcoming review of the criminal justice system which was promised in the 2025 Programme for Government.









DANNY **HEALY-RAE**TD

WEEKLY CLINIC ON:

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3rd Monday 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 9.45 PM	Knocknagoshel & Brosna O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna Sportsfield Bar, Brosna	8:00 PM 8:30 PM 9:00 PM 10:00 PM	Ulick's Bar, Farranfore James Daly's Bar, Farranfore Cunniffe's Bar, Currow John Hendersons, Firies

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Treatment plants for estates in Aghadoe Killarney

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has again raised the issue with treatment plants for two estates in Aghadoe Killarney, Old Killarney Village and the Birch Hill , where the treatment plants are out of date and no longer suitable. The funding has been made available on two occasions, but they are still waiting. I asked the Taoiseach to intervene and ensure that the matter is resolved.

3rd Anniversary of Russia's full scale invasion of Ukraine

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has said that he is glad that Ireland has done its best for the Ukrainian people. Ireland has played its part, perhaps better than some bigger countries with larger populations and greater finances.

All I ever asked for is that the same concessions they have related to renting houses be given to Irish people who are homeless and having severe difficulty accessing homes or houses.

Minister Foley confirms increased funding of €284,000 for Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership this year

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has confirmed increased funding of €284,000 for Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership this year.

The partnership works to encourage and support the people of Kerry to participate in sport and physical activity.

The funding is an increase of around €60,000 on the €223,000 that was provided to Kerry Sports Partnership last year.

Minister Foley said: "I have received confirmation that Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership is getting increased funding of over €284,000 this year. This funding represents a significant investment in an organisation that does such great

work throughout Kerry."

The allocation is part of a €12 million package that will be shared among the country's 29 Local Sports Partnerships this year. The announcements were made at the National Spots Campus today by Fianna Fáil Minister of State for Charlie McConalogue. A further €18.3 million in core funding has been allocated to 65 National Governing Bodies, including the GAA, the FAI and the IRFU.

This core investment funds the day-to-day running of sports bodies and delivers on commitments set out in the National Sports Policy 2018-2027, the National Physical Activity Plan and the Programme for Government.

FOSSA NATIONAL SCHOOL, ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

The daily task of dropping off and collecting children from school is often an onerous and dangerous one, but the task presently at Fossa National School is further complicated by major roadworks at that location. Teachers and parents have expressed their very genuine fears that some terrible accident could occur there if action is not taken.

"It is plain to see that there is an extremely busy work site, with men and machinery, positioned at the front gate of Fossa NS, with the ensuing build up of traffic all day long. Then, at drop off and pick up times, it becomes particularly dangerous due to the number of vehicles pulling in and out, with parents and children attempting to cross" stated Deputy Michael Cahill.

"Following contact by me, Kerry County Council

and the contractors, Sorensons, have met to agree a strategy to correct the Traffic Management issues at Fossa NS and to deploy more resources and to ensure the safety of all road users at the location. I am expecting a major improvement there come Monday morning, but I would also urge all road users, including those attending at Fossa NS, to have patience there and be aware at all times that children need to use this roadway too" said Michael Cahill TD.

"I wish to thank Frank Hartnett, Director of Services, Roads and Transportation, Kerry County Council and his staff for moving so quickly following contact by me and bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion" added Deputy Cahill.

WELCOME FOR SPECIAL CLASSES

Local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill has welcomed the announcement that seven new special classes will be introduced across Kerry for the 2025/2026 school year, providing muchneeded support for students with complex special educational needs.

Sixteen Kerry schools have been approved to establish new special classes, ensuring that more children can access the education they need in a supportive environment.

Following the announcement, Deputy Cahill said, "I am delighted to receive confirmation that these schools will be opening new special classes next year. This is an important step in ensuring that children with additional needs have the opportunity to learn and thrive in an inclusive setting within their local community. "More classes are expected to be announced soon, which will further enhance our ability

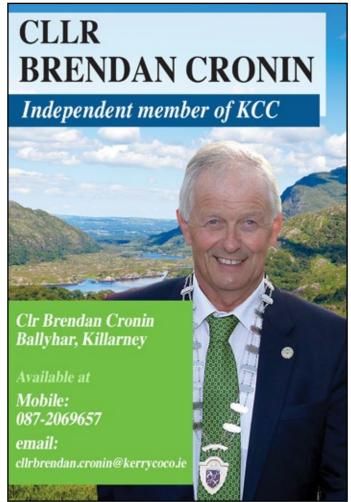
to meet the needs of students requiring extra support.

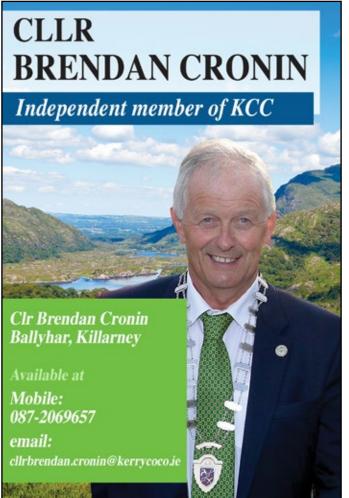
"Ensuring access to quality education for every child remains a top priority for Fianna Fáil in Government. I will continue to work closely with local schools, families, and the Department to secure further investment in special education." Also commenting on the addition of special education classes, Councillor Tommy Cahill said: "Fianna Fáil is the party of education. I am delighted to hear of sixteen schools being allocated sixteen extra special education classes across our county.

"Providing these resources to children in schools is a priority for Fianna Fáil. We must now continue to invest in our special education system to ensure we create an environment for all children to thrive.

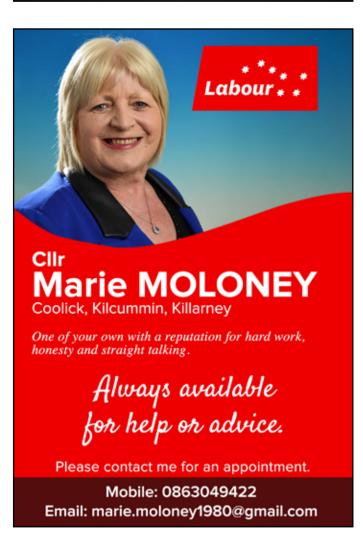
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SPORTS NEWS

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

NATIONAL TRIALS

The rescheduled national water trials for the Irish rowing squad of 2025 are set for the next two weekends at the National Rowing Centre in Cork. This weekend will see Junior, U23, Adaptive and Senior 'B' triallists descend on Farran with Senior A triallists following next weekend. In the event of poor weather this weekend, all trials will be held next weekend. The trial schedule has suffered a number of postponements due to the bad weather. The club has a number of members due to partake in this weekend's trials, best of luck to all the rowers and coaches.

EVENTS

Shandon HOR (rescheduled), Sat March 22nd, Cork Marina; Kilmacimon Coastal Scull HOR, Sat April 5th, Kilmacsimon; Skibbereen Grand League Regatta, Sat-Sun 12-13th; NRC, Farran.

MUCKROSS LOTTERY

The Muckross Lottery jackpot has tipped the five figure mark with this Saturday's jackpot now standing at €10,300! Tickets can be purchased for €2 each or 3 for €5 at Hegarty's Family Service Station, Muckross Road. The Muckross Lottery can also be paid online. The minimum online play for a single week is 3 tickets for €5. A recurring ticket can also be purchased online for €2 per week for 10, 25, or 52 weeks. All support for the local lottery is greatly appreciated with lottery dividends supporting Muckross RC, Loughquittane National School and the Muckross Womens Social Group.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 27TH FEBRUARY

1st Finola Spillane & Ger Foley 2nd Pauline Lyne & Horst Rosler 3rd Maura G Moynihan & Ron Carron Congratulations and well done.

We held our last bridge morning yesterday, 06th March for the winter season at The Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

President Pauline, the committee and fellow bridge members would like to thank everyone at The Golf Club for the use of their wonderful facilities and great hospitality during the winter months. We would also like to thank "Truffle Honey" and especially Tracy for looking after us after our bridge sessions.

So from next Thursday, 13th March we are



Killarney Swimming Club members Sean Farandon Coach. May O'Mahony, Zarah Tomlinson, Aoibhinn Heinemann and Raeaan Browne.

moving to our "summer residence", The Castlerosse Hotel. Hope to see you all there at 10am.We are very lucky here in Fossa to have such wonderful venues who support our club. Condolences to Joan Culloty & Family on the death of their beloved Johnny. RIP

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club came together last week to say goodbye to our Head Coach of 3 years Erin McNulty. Erin's experience, coaching philosophy, leadership skills and the kind and generous way she supported our swimmers has seen a dramatic rise in our club presence over the past few years. We are confident that what Erin has instilled in our coaches and swimmers will continue to live on in our club for years to come.

We are lucky, along with other clubs, to continue to have her support in the capacity of her role as Regional Development Pathway

The Club attended a two day Gala in Mallow at the weekend. Congratulations to Sarah Quirke who came third in the 400IM and achieved two consideration times for Summer Nationals.



KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC

The Munster U12-U14 Indoor Championships were held in Nenagh last weekend. Killarney Valley AC had 24 athletes competing and all did very well and achieved personal bests.

Fionn Spellman won the U14 Boys 60m Sprint in a time of 8.45secs. Conor Scannell came 3rd in the U12 Boys Long Jump while Olamide Smith came 3rd in the U13 Boys Long Jump. Teagan Lyne came 4th in the U13 60m Hurdles and Finian Swarbrick came 4th in the U13 High Jump and so both qualified for the National Indoors. Congrats and well done to all.

Our Streets of Killarney 5-mile road race is on Good Friday 18th April at 7pm. Spaces are going fast so enter now on our website to avoid disappointment.

Our Easter Camp will run 22-25th April. We also have a summer camp (21-25 July, 28-1 Aug and 11-15 Aug). All of these camps are now open for bookings on our website.

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.







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SPORTS NEWS

KILLARNEY RFC

Killarney RFC enjoyed another action-packed weekend of rugby, with teams from across the club competing in crucial fixtures. Here's a roundup of the latest results and events at the club.

Senior Men Secure Important Win The Killarney RFC senior men's team continued their strong campaign in the Munster Junior League Division 3 with an impressive 25-14 victory over Scariff RFC at Fossa Beg. The team displayed resilience and determination, securing an important away win as they push for a strong finish in the league. Mixed Results in Youth Rugby It was a weekend of thrilling contests for Killarney's underage teams, with some great performances across the board:

U18.5 BOYS

Killarney RFC and Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne RFC played out a thrilling 18-18 draw in the Munster Development Cup at Aghadoe. Both teams fought hard in a tightly contested match, with solid defensive efforts and some well-worked tries. Killarney progress on the first try scored

rule.

U18.5 GIRLS

The Killarney/Listowel/Iveragh Eagles squad traveled to Ennis to take on Ennis RFC in the Girls Clubs U18.5 Cup. The girls showed great spirit and teamwork in a highly competitive match.

U16 BOYS

A high-scoring encounter at Aghadoe saw Killarney RFC narrowly lose 34-39 to UL Bohemians RFC in the Munster Development Cup. Despite the result, the team put in a strong performance and will take plenty of positives into their next match.

U14 BOYS

The U14 boys secured a fantastic 22-15 victory over Kilfeacle RFC in the Munster Bowl at Morrissey Park in the Quarter Final. A well-drilled performance saw them come away with a hard-fought win.

Looking Ahead Killarney RFC continues to be a hive of activity, with all teams preparing for upcoming fixtures in their respective competitions. The club is also looking forward to hosting and participating in more mini rugby festivals in the coming weeks, as the next generation of players continues to develop their skills and love for the game.

Thank you to all players, coaches, parents, and supporters for their ongoing commitment to the club. Your passion and dedication are what make Killarney RFC a thriving community.

For more updates, fixtures, and news, follow Killarney RFC on social media or visit our website.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

This week in Tralee, our Club's tally of County Champions for this season extended to 9, thus far, when our Chairperson, Jennifer, played superbly to win the Div. 2 Doubles County C'ship. Congratulations also to Samira, Alvin, Rahad & Saoirse, who were all runners-up on the night. Congratulations to Mike Lyne who won the Listowel Masters yesterday well done Mike on retaining your title.

There will be no Adult Club badminton next Friday night with the Div. 1 & 3 Mixed C'ships being held in the hall. Good luck to all from the club competing.





KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL

JUVENILE NEWS

Kerry League U12

Killarney Cougars 38 Ballybunion Wildcats 35

The Cougars and the Wildcats produced an exciting game for the big attendance at the Sem Gym, the Cougars trailed 24-20 entering the final quarter but produced a strong final quarter scoring 18 points to secure a narrow win in an exciting finish. Good performances by Juan Ávila , Alex Kissane , Luke Bowler, Darragh O'Toole, Tiarnán Kavanagh and Trey Hurley.

Top scorers on this occasion were Luke Bowler 16, Darragh O'Toole 10, Joe OShea 6

Trey Hurley 6.

Kerry League U18

Killarney Cougars 45 Bobcats 49

Cougars U18 boys played Ballymac Bobcats in the league at the Presentation Gym on Thursday last. Bobcats were unbeaten this season so far but the Cougars produced a strong performance on the night going close taking the points.

The Bobcats a physically strong big team held on to win by just 4 points in a good

contest.

Evan Cox was top scorer with 20, Dylan Bowler next up with 11 points.

We will look forward to a re-match in the Plate Final later this month.

U14 Boys Kerry League

St Paul's 36 Killarney Cougars 63

The Cougars boys put in a massive performance at the Killarney Sport Centre. It was evident from the start that they were in confident mood for the game, the work rate and there application to detail were excellent as a result held a commanding lead at half time 36-13. St Paul's to there credit regrouped and worked some nice scores but Cougars finished out strong to take the deserved win with a overall great team performance.

SENIOR NEWS

Basketball Ireland National League Div 1 Scott's Lakers 76 Killarney Cougars 67

Top scorers

Killarney Cougars: Joshua Strongman 23, Ben Todd 17, Iyan Hristov 15

Scott's Lakers: Mikhail Blackwell 32, Abdul Oladipupo 13, Darnell Syners 10, Rui Saravia 7



Killarney Cougars U12 Boys at the Sem Gym versus Ballybunion Wildcats with Coaches Eugene Bowler & Juan Ávila.









HISTORIC 3 IN A ROW ALL-IRELAND WIN FOR

Castleisland Community College

The U16 basketball team won the All-Ireland A Division Schools League competition. This is the 3rd successive All-Ireland win for the team. Previously they won it in 1st and 2nd year and they claimed their 3rd All-Ireland win last Wednesday in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght. It was a historic day for the school as this feat has never before been achieved by another team in the school. The team can now take its place as one of the top school teams nationally to have ever won three-in-a-row All-Ireland A Division competitions.

Maurice Casey the Head Coach has now won his 16th All Ireland for the school while Máire Mc Loughlin (Assistant Coach) has won her 3rd All-Ireland for the school having only joined the school as Career Guidance/Counsellor in September 2023.

Castleisland Community College flexed their defensive muscles in the second half of the final as they held Summerhill College, Sligo to 15 points in that period and ran out 75-43 winners in Wednesday's All-Ireland Under 16A Boys Schools League decider.

Co-captain Tadhg McCarthy totalled a gamehigh 19 points for the Kerry side and scooped the MVP (Most Valued Player) accolade on a day that also saw Jamie Nolan and Podge O'Sullivan weigh in with a combined 26.

Summerhill did manage to keep their opponents in sight throughout the opening half, but the scores began to dry up for them after the break as Castleisland made the stops and punish ruthlessly down the other end.

It was, nevertheless, an encouraging start for the Sligo side in this decider as scores from Manus McManus and Oliver Ettery, along with a strike from downtown by Jack Kelly, saw them move 11-6 in front almost midway through the opening quarter.

But Castleisland accounted for the next eight points, O'Sullivan and Nolan striking from the floor before Danny Murphy dr aained his two free throws to see the Kerry side overtake.

A further bucket from McCarthy, together with a Nolan three left them 19-15 in front by the end of that opening period.

Summerhill captain, James Lineen did draw first blood for Summerhill in the second quarter



In the photo from left standing: Máire Mc Loughlin (Assistant Coach), Cillian Moroney, Joey Kelly, James Barry, Jakub Surzyn, Danny Murphy, Jack O Connor, Ruairí Murphy, Maurice Casey (Coach).

From left sitting: Darragh O Sullivan, Jamie Nolan, Glen O Sullivan, Podge O Sullivan (co-captain), Tadhg Mc Carthy (co-captain and MVP), Cian Cahill, Ógie O'Leary-Griffin, Shay O Connor.

only to see their opponents respond with the next five points as McCarthy executed from both sides of the arc.

Ettery did land a nice score from distance for Summerhill, but they still stuggled to close the gap on their Kerry opponents who finished the half strong with buckets from O'Sullivan, Nolan and McCarthy to take a ten-point cushion into the break.

Matters grew worse for Summerhill in the third quarter, during which they were outgunned by nine points as McCarthy and Glen O'Sullivan combined for as much.

Facing a 19-point deficit heading into the final quarter, the Sligo side needed something special to haul this one out of the fire, but instead it was Castleisland who continued to motor, O'Sullivan and Danny Murphy opening up the fourth with a deuce and three

The shots were just not dropping for

Summerhill, and Castleisland were able to punish on the fast breaks, Ogie O'Leary Griffin, Glen O'Sullivan and Cian Cahill's buckets being book-ended by big strikes off the three-point line by Jakub Surzyn and Joey Kelly, as the Kerry side put up 20 points in the fourth to run out convincing winners.

"It was a great performance by every one of the players and a great win for the school" remarked Castleisland Community College head coach, Maurice Casey.

"Once we got to grips with them on defence and stopped them getting in too easily, we just moved on from there" he said.

Top Scorers:

Tadhg McCarthy (19), Jamie Nolan (14), Podge O'Sullivan (12).

Head Coach: Maurice Casev Assistant Coach: Máire Mc Laughlin MVP: Tadhg McCarthy



Co-captains Podge O Sullivan, Ger Tarrant (Basketball Ireland) Tadhg Mc Carthy



MVP Tadhg Mc Carthy presented with the golden ball by Christine Connolly (Basketball Ireland)



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Spa GAA Academy returns to action with a new club mascot









SCAN TO VIEW THE MASCOT IN ACTION!





The popular Spa GAA Academy returned last Saturday 1st March, and were joined by an exciting addition to the club - a new mascot!

It was a great turn out for the first session back, with close to 200 kids in attendance. And it was a session to remember for the future stars, as the new club mascot made its first appearance, creating an exciting buzz and atmosphere for all those in attendance!

In conjunction with the mascot's introduction, the club has announced an exciting competition inviting children to come up with a name for their new furry friend. This competition is a wonderful opportunity for the young members to exercise their creativity and feel even more connected to the academy, with the winner being announced at the end of the month.

Open to boys and girls from 3+ years, the Spa GAA Academy focuses on developing fundamental movement skills in a fun, supportive environment, with membership free for U6s.

Spa GAA prides itself on being a friendly, inclusive club where every child feels welcome. Parents can enjoy the Coffee Dock while the kids train, and take advantage of the excellent facilities which include a 1km walking track.

Open to all children living in the Killarney area, the Academy runs every Saturday from 10-11am until October.

The new mascot is waiting to meet you, and who knows, your creative idea might just become a part of Spa GAA's legacy!

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

with the country in the midst of a unprecedented housing crisis and builders are putting the blame for this squarely on the shoulders of senior management staff of Kerry County Council, accusing them of making the problem worse.

ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council. Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

A number of County Councillors have said that they do not have the power to change things. They were critical of council management who have just brushed their concerns aside.



A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does

not entice builders to build houses.

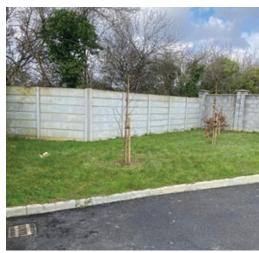


This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008.

This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder £45,000.

Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.



This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from the front because of the slope in the green area. Does it really matter if this fence is a few inches shorter. This is an example of the nonsense that builders have to put up with from Kerry County Council.





SCOTTS LAKERS VS COUGARS REPORT

Mens Basketball League Saturday, March 1st Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

Scotts Lakers 77 Cougars 67

There would be contrasting emotions after the latest instalment of the Killarney Derby which saw the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre packed to the rafters. The Lakers knew that a win would almost certainly guarantee them a berth in the playoffs while the Cougars were fully aware that they were standing on the doorstep of relegation from the league. As with all local jousts form can go out the window and for long periods the Cougars belied the look of a team who had only won one of their previous nineteen clashes.

There was an added layer of intrigue with the presence of former Lakers coach Ron Howard on the Cougars bench but despite his undoubted prowess he has been unable to arrest his current team's slide. Manuel Suarez on the other hand has slotted in seamlessly to the Lakers mantra and following his latest win is targeting a place in the playoffs . And while you could argue that the quality of the play wasnt of the highest order the closeness of the exchanges made for compulsive viewing and a crackling atmosphere.

Not for the first time this season Mikah Blackwell would be the star turn for the Lakers but a look under the bonnet of the Lakers display would pinpoint other factors. Abdul Oladipupo displayed an accuracy from beyond the arc at pivotal stages, Oisin Spring put in a huge fourth quarter, Eoin Carroll , Rui Saravia and Jack O Sullivan showed a defensive prowess that was needed while Mark Shehan was bright throughout.

Spring is very much the unsung hero of the Lakers squad and his seven point haul in the final quarter gave his side a cushion heading into the final minutes. He overcame an early setback with foul trouble but displayed a great mentality to make the difference in that crucial sector. He enjoyed the moment ," It was the best feeling playing inside a packed Sports Centre , it was electric . I got two early fouls and had to bide my time but when the call came in the fourth quarter I just had to put on a shift . Their number three (lyan Hristov) is a great player and I had to just stay in front of him and I tried my best".

Blackwell hit his side's opening score in their first offence but Joshua Strongman replied straight away for the Cougars . Mark Sheehan hit a signature three with Blackwell following suit to give their side an early advantage. The Cougars game plan revolved around Hristovs quick ball movement going inside to the twin threat of Ben Todd and Strongman and that duo managed to keep them in the

conversation . Abdul Oladipupo hit the first of his three pointers as Darragh O'Callaghan and John Hughes put their shoulders to the Lakers wheel and with Blackwell in ebullient form the Lakers were in an early 19-14 lead.

The second quarter was the Cougars best as they defended with a renewed effort and the Lakers struggled on offence. Strongman would strike early from the charity stripe but Darnell Snyers slipped in for the Lakers almost immediately. Blackwell hit either side of a Todd bucket as the Lakers pushed it out to 25-19 but they would hit a drought after Snyers added a further two. Hristov, Todd and Adam Lenihan would capitalise on that dry run and leave the halftime score at 28-26.

The third quarter would see both sides up their scoring rate but it was the Cougars who made the better start to the half. Lenihan hit a lay up which Eoin Carroll responded to but a Hristov three gave the Cougars their only lead in the game. It only served to spur the Lakers on with Blackwell striking from downtown and Oladipupo netting from the corner. Snyers then joined the three point party but Strongman was still carrying the load for his side. Oladipupo then hit two in a row from downtown as the Lakers looked to seize control but Todd and Jack Lynch were having none of it for the Cougars as Blackwell made sure the Lakers noses were in front heading for home, 52-48.

The Lakers defence certainly upped the ante as the game wore on and this was never more apparent than it was in the final quarter. Jack O Sullivan picked up the cudgels from Eoin Carroll on that count and Saravia was getting anything he could in the way of any Cougars offence. That gave the Lakers the platform to push on . Spring got his final quarter underway with an early three and with the Cougars increasingly reliant on Strongman the Lakers defence got on top as Snyers cashed in at the other end . Blackwell nailed his free throws and some excellent hustle from Snyers yielded two more baskets for Spring. The writing was on the wall for Ron Howard's side as they visibly tired and Jack O Sullivan, Saravia and Blackwell made them pay with some spectacular crowd pleasing dunks. Todd and Fitzgerald added further Cougars points but the dye had been well and truly cast and it was the home sde that coasted home on a 77-67 scoreline.

Speaking after the game Coach Suarez was glad to get the win to break the Lakers recent two game losing run." I think the most important thing today was the win and we played some really good defence and that brought us the win ". He was buzzing also at his first taste of a Killarney Derby." To be honest I didn't expect that amazing atmosphere and it's really good that the people of Killarney support their basketball. Our aim is to make the playoffs and we must remain loyal to our identity and keep pushing to see where the season will take us." Mikah Blackwell was the game MVP with 32 points, Abdul Oladipupo hit 13, Darnell Snyers had 10, Oisin Spring and Rui Saravia had 7 apiece, Mark Sheehan 3, Jack O Sullivan 3, Eoin Carroll 2, John Hughes, Draragh O'Callaghan, Jamie O Sullivan.

For the Cougars Joshua Strongman shot 23, Ben Todd 17, Iyan Hristov 15 and Andrew Fitzgerald 5.

The Lakers are at home again this Saturday night with Moy Tolka Rovers making the visit to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. They count former Laker Emilian Grudov amongst their number and with thirteen wins they sit in third place in the Northern Conference. They will provide a stiff test for the 7.30 tip off.

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Blackwell hit his side's opening score in their first offence but Joshua Strongman replied straight away for the Cougars . Mark Sheehan hit a signature three with Blackwell following suit to give their side an early advantage. The Cougars game plan revolved around Hristovs quick ball movement going inside to the twin threat of Ben Todd and Strongman and that duo managed to keep them in the conversation . Abdul Oladipupo hit the first of his three pointers as Darragh O'Callaghan and John Hughes put their shoulders to the Lakers

wheel and with Blackwell in ebullient form the Lakers were in an early 19-14 lead.

The second quarter was the Cougars best as they defended with a renewed effort and the Lakers struggled on offence. Strongman would strike early from the charity stripe but Darnell Snyers slipped in for the Lakers almost immediately. Blackwell hit either side of a Todd bucket as the Lakers pushed it out to 25 -19 but they would hit a drought after Snyers added a further two. Hristov, Todd and Adam Lenihan would capitalise on that dry run and leave the halftime score at 28-26.

The third quarter would see both sides up their scoring rate but it was the Cougars who made the better start to the half. Lenihan hit a lay up which Eoin Carroll responded to but a Hristov three gave the Cougars their only lead in the game. It only served to spur the Lakers on with Blackwell striking from downtown and Oladipupo netting from the corner. Snyers then joined the three point party but Strongman was still carrying the load for his side. Oladipupo then hit two in a row from downtown as the Lakers looked to seize control but Todd and Jack Lynch were having none of it for the Cougars as Blackwell made sure the Lakers noses were in front heading for home, 52-48.

The Lakers defence certainly upped the ante as the game wore on and this was never more apparent than it was in the final quarter. Jack O Sullivan picked up the cudgels from Eoin Carroll on that count and Saravia was getting anything he could in the way of any Cougars



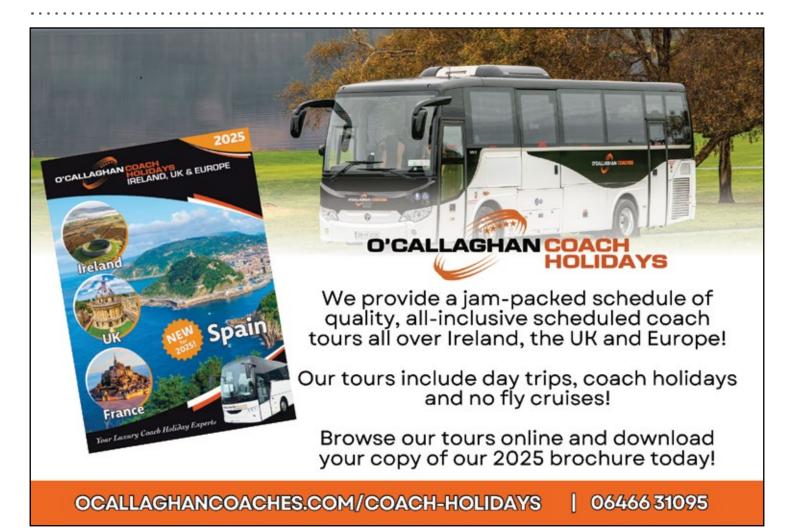
offence. That gave the Lakers the platform to push on . Spring got his final quarter underway with an early three and with the Cougars increasingly reliant on Strongman the Lakers defence got on top as Snyers cashed in at the other end . Blackwell nailed his free throws and some excellent hustle from Snyers yielded two more baskets for Spring. The writing was on the wall for Ron Howard's side as they visibly tired and Jack O Sullivan, Saravia and Blackwell made them pay with some spectacular crowd

pleasing dunks. Todd and Fitzgerald added further Cougars points but the dye had been well and truly cast and it was the home sde that coasted home on a 77-67 scoreline.

Speaking after the game Coach Suarez was glad to get the win to break the Lakers recent two game losing run." I think the most important thing today was the win and we played some really good defence and that brought us the win ". He was buzzing also at his first taste of a Killarney Derby." To be honest I didn't expect that amazing atmosphere and it's really good that the people of Killarney support their basketball. Our aim is to make the playoffs and we must remain loyal to our identity and keep pushing to see where the season will take us." Mikah Blackwell was the game MVP with 32 points, Abdul Oladipupo hit 13, Darnell Snyers had 10, Oisin Spring and Rui Saravia had 7 apiece, Mark Sheehan 3, Jack O Sullivan 3, Eoin Carroll 2, John Hughes, Draragh O'Callaghan, Jamie O Sullivan.

For the Cougars Joshua Strongman shot 23, Ben Todd 17, Iyan Hristov 15 and Andrew Fitzgerald 5.

The Lakers are at home again this Saturday night with Moy Tolka Rovers making the visit to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. They count former Laker Emilian Grudov amongst their number and with thirteen wins they sit in third place in the Northern Conference. They will provide a stiff test for the 7.30 tip off.





SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

ALL IRELAND FINAL PREVIEWS

It is shaping up to be a big weekend for the Kerry U14 Boys and Girls ETP teams, as they get set to represent the Kerry Schoolboys & Girls League in an All Ireland Final on Saturday March 8th in the University Of Limerick.

A double header on the Maguires Astro Pitch, the 14 Boys play the curtain raiser, kicking off at 11am in the SFAI Subway All Ireland Trophy Final against Lisburn/Castlereagh. Then at 1pm the Girls play their SFAI Subway All Ireland Cup Final against Galway.

While the group stage did not go as hoped for Danny Diggins and his squad, the Boys have kicked on since making the knockout stages and riding the crest of a wave will look to land silverware on Saturday,

Missing six players due to injury, results failed to materialise in the group stage, losing 2-0 away to Cork, while a 4-2 defeat at home to West Cork followed and the group stage ended with a 3-0 defeat at home to Limerick Desmond.

After that Kerry kicked into gear once those players returned and picked up a 6-1 win over West Waterford East Cork in the quarter final stage. With Joe Joy netting a brace, followed up by strikes from Kian Cronin, Max Moynihan, Cormac O'Sullivan and Gerry Moroney.

That set up a clash away to Cavan/Monaghan in the semi-final stage, resulting in a 5-1 win. Again Joy found a brace of goals, while Cronin also fired twice to the net, Killian O'Sullivan also got his name on the scoresheet.

Their opponents were also winless in the group stage of the competition, but kicked on since then and will certainly prove a threat. Speaking ahead of Saturday's decider, manager Danny Diggin's believes it would be a brilliant achievement for this group to win the final.

"We are really looking forward to the final with this group of players against Lisburn/ Castlereagh, we are playing great soccer and in a system which the lads are getting used to with every training session and game. It would be a brilliant achievement to win this final and give the squad great confidence going forward."

The U14 Girls have an unblemished record going into Saturday's meeting with Galway, with their opponents also in the same boat. The journey for this group started in the previous two seasons at U12 and U13 level, in similar fashion to the Boys. These two squads are testament to the great work going on behind the scenes in the club scene throughout the county in the Kerry Schoolboys and Girls League. No strangers to silverware and success, the Girls have an U12 All Ireland Trophy and U13 All Ireland Shield Title under their belts.

Winning 5-0 away to West Waterford East Cork was an impressive way to start off the campaign, and they followed that with a 2-1 win over a formidable Cork team in Christy Leahy Park. Alannah Daly and Nessa Kirby finding the net to ensure another three points.

Next up were Limerick Desmond away in Adare in November, a tough high tempo game ended in a well deserved 1-1 draw when a well worked set play from the kick off, resulted in a cool finish

from Eabha Maguire to give Kerry a well-earned draw remaining unbeaten and topping the group stage.

The All-Ireland Quarter final was held at home and an epic encounter against Limerick District, that had the Kerry Girls going behind 1-0 but coming back with a goal from Eilidh Cregan and a second from Alannah Crossan. District piled on the pressure and scored to force the game into extra-time. But the Kerry Girls reset for extra-time and Alannah Crossan scored to secure the win for the Kingdom.

Kerry then faced South Belfast in the All Ireland Semi Final and again took advantage of the home fixture. A dream start saw the girls 3-0 at the half-time break with goals from Laura Heaphy, Ava Harty and Nessa Kirby. The victory was sealed when Eilidh Cregan found the net in the second half.

The holy grail of the final awaits as Galway stand between them and a third All Ireland title in a row. Ahead of the tie manager Danny Maguire heaped praise on the work his players have shown all the way since their U12 days.

"The girls team has been building since U12 level, and myself and Elaine Kinsella have a brilliant working relationship built up with the squad over the past three seasons, and the group work well together and enjoy their football. They work hard and at the same time enjoy their football."

NATIONAL

KERRY TEAMS BOOK LAST 8 PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Seven Kerry teams were in National Cup and Trophy Last 16 action, with mixed fortunes in the end. Of that seven, only three advanced to the quarter final stage.

In the U16 Girls National Trophy Last 16, a fantastic performance from Killarney Celtic saw them secure a 3-0 victory away to Leeside United. Holly Forrest led the charge with two goals, while Ali Bowler added another.

St. Brendan's Park continued their impressive run in the U12 Boys National Cup, earning a 2-0 win at home to Mullingar Athletic Lions. Tadhg Gilligan was the hero, netting both goals.

A double delight for the Park on Saturday, their U15 side showed resilience in a tense battle with Rock Celtic in the U15 Boys National Trophy. After a 1-1 draw in extra time, thanks to a Fionn Hannon goal, Park held their nerve in the penalty shootout, winning 4-3 to advance.

Elsewhere, Dingle bowed out of the U13 Boys National Cup, falling to a 4-1 defeat away to Corinthian Boys. TJ O hAinfein grabbed the Dingle goal. A tight affair saw Iveragh suffer a 1-0 defeat away to Ringmahon Rangers in the 13's National Trophy.

Listowel Celtic suffered a 2-0 defeat against Leixlip United, bringing their U14 Boys National Trophy journey to an end. It wasn't to be for Mastergeeha in the U16 Boys National Cup, who fell to a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Leixlip United. Jack Buckey managed to find the net, but Leixlip proved too strong on the day.

GIRLS

TITLE RACE CONTINUES TO HEAT UP IN 13'S PREMIER

While Killarney Celtic continue to hold a healthy lead atop the 13's Premier, Castleisland picked

up a big three points at the weekend to boost their hopes at the expense of St Brendan's Park. Killarney Athletic and Listowel Celtic also picked up wins to move up the order.

Castleisland secured a hard-fought 4-2 victory over St. Brendan's Park in an entertaining encounter. Bella Clifford led the way with a brace, while Aoife Reidy and Katie Reidy also found the net for the home side. Park's goals arrived from Saoirse Moynihan and Caoimhe Field.

Killarney Athletic edged out Dingle 2-1, thanks to goals from Leah Heinemann and Erica Maloney. Niamh Ní Sé was on target for Dingle. In a tightly contested match, Listowel Celtic secured a narrow 1-0 victory over Killorglin, with Matilda O'Donnell scoring the decisive goal.

BOYS

TUCKER KELLY ACTION CONTINUES

Round 1 of the 16's Tucker Kelly Cup got underway at the weekend, with some exciting and competitive clashes.

Killarney Athletic overcame Ballyhar with a dominant 7-1 victory. Leo Allen netted four goals, while Alex Doolan, Donnacha Vaughan, and Jack Fleming also got on the scoresheet. Brendan Allman grabbed a consolation goal for Ballyhar.

Killorglin had a 6-0 win over Listowel Celtic . Goals from Sean Doherty, Darragh O'Sullivan, Hugh O'Sullivan, Kieran Patton, Michael Culhane, and Henry Whittleton sealed progression to the next round.

Camp and Tralee Dynamos played out a thrilling 3-3 draw after extra time before Camp edged an 8-7 win on penalties. Tadgh O'Donoghue bagged a brace, while Jack Doyle also found the net for Camp.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 5, 11, 28, 30. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Tony O Connor, Ballyhar. Miriam Brosnan, Killarney. Hannah Landers, Ballymac. Sarah Mccarthy c/o Butlers Bar & Ann Lucey, Kilcummin. Next draw for a jackpot of €16,800 will take place on Sunday next 9th March at Butlers Bar, Firies. Tickets available from Committee members, Sheehans Fuel Store, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons shops, Firies & Butlers Bar, Firies.Thanks to all who support & Help out with the club lotto.

TEAMS

The Club u11 & u12 A squads had beneficial friendly games last weekend, thanks to Killorglin FC & Milltown FC for travelling and the parents & Coaches for facilitating.

The U13 girls (Division1) had a fine 3-0 home win v Camp Juniors on Saturday last. A first half strike from Niamh O Sullivan after being set up by Emma O Callaghan gave Ballyhar a 1-0 half time lead. Erica Mccarthy struck for Ballyhar's second goal & a further goal from Niamh o Sullivan sealed the 3-0 win. Roisin Mannix & Anna Kate Daly were also in fine form in a good squad effort throughout the game.

The U14 boys (Division 1) welcomed Mastergeeha FC to Murt Scott Park where the visitors took the win on a 0-2 scoreline with Killian O Sullivan, Ruben O Leary Griffin & Eoin









Cremin playing well on the day.

The U16s (Division 1) were in home Tucker Kelly Cup action where Premier Division based Killarney Athletic advanced on a 1-7 scoreline. Brendan Allman with the Ballyhar goal with Sean Brosnan, Aaron Moriarty, Conor Edwards, Davin Quilter, Jack Kelly & Ryan Breen giving it their all over the course of the game. The u16s will now enter the shield competition.

MEK GALAXY FC NEWS

GIRLS U11 DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE - PHASE

MEK Galaxy Black Vs Camp Juniors Black

What a fantastic game between these two hard working teams barely a kick of a ball separated them. Well done to our MEK Black team they played so well and scored a couple of great goals.

TABLE QUIZ

Our annual table quiz is back and takes place at the golden Nugget on Friday the 28th of March at 8pm. Tables of 4 cost €50 so please come along and support this fundraiser. For further information give Maurice a shout on 087-1401327.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 13,14,16,28. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday March 10th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win.Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A

Mastergeeha 0-1 Killarney Celtic

Blake Bolster

Celtic remain unbeaten in the Premier A after a hard fought win away to Mastergeeha. Blake Bolster got the only goal just before half time.

U12 PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 1-3 Killarney Celtic Green

Celtic Green kept up their chase of the league leaders when they overcame Inter Kenmare. A strong 1st half performance left Celtic clear to take all the points. Rowan Murphy opened the scoring before Dylan McCarthy made it 2-0. Jake Scannell made it 3-0 at half time. Inter Kenmare came back into the game in the 2nd half and eventually pulled a goal back but Celtic managed the game well to come away with the win.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic White 0-1 St Brendan's Park

Celtic White went down to a 2nd half goal in this tight battle with St Brendan's Park. 0-0 at half time but Park struck for the opening goal and as hard as Celtic tried, they could not fashion an equaliser.

U12 DIV 2 SOUTH

Castleisland B 1-0 Killarney Celtic Hoops

Celtic battled gamely but Castleisland just edged this tight contest.

GIRLS

SFAI SUBWAY U16 NATIONAL TROPHY

Leeside United 0-3 Killarney Celtic



Killarney Celtic U12 Green vs Inter Kenmare

Holly Forrest 2, Ali Bowler

Celtic U16s made the journey to Cork a winning one last Sunday after a fine performance against Leeside United. Celtic struck for the decisive opener to lead at half time when Holly Forrest finished off a Sadbh O'Halloran pass. Holly Forrest doubled the lead after being put in goal by Niamh Brosnan. Ali Bowler sealed the win when she finished a corner to the net. Celtic now meet Maree Oranmore in a home tie in the last 8 on March 15th.

Congrats to Dylan Brosnan U12 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Holly Forrest U16 who made the Girls Roll Honour. Killarney

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

300 Club Draw January & February 2025 January 2025

€500 - Simon Evans, Ferndale Avenue

€100 - Padraic Brosnan, The Demense, Ross Rd

€100 - Lynn O' Shea, London

€100 - Michael Curran, Beaufort

€100 - Michelle O' Sullivan Darcy, Ballycasheen

€100 - James Doona, Firies

February 2025

€500 - Martin Muldoon, Woodlawn

€100 - Tara McCarthy, Woodlawn

€100 - Elaine O' Shea, Dublin 16

€100 - Roger O' Sullivan, Ross Road

€100 - Danny & Margaret Looney, Muckross

€100 - Tim O' Shea, Ross Road

SENIOR A PREMIER A RESULT

St. Brendans Park 0 - 5 Killarney Athletic A.F.COisin O' Sullivan x 1 Matthew Horgan x1 Josh
Bowler x2 Aaron Burke x1

Our Senior A Team had a convincing win on the road this afternoon against the Park in Tralee. A very solid performance from all the lads today saw us take home the three points. Well done Thanks to the Park for a sporting game.

U16 CUP RESULT

Ballyhar Dynamos 1 - 7 Killarney Athletic

Alex Doolan x1 Leo Allen x4 Donnacha Vaughan x1 Jack Fleming x 1

Our U16's travelled to Ballyhar in the cup and came away with a great result. To be fair to the young Ballyhar side, they were missing a few players but still fulfilled the fixture. After not

playing in two months, our boys started fast out of the blocks when Alex slotted home to give us an early lead, Leo added two more quickly after, one a blistered strike from outside box that went in off the post. Donnacha added a powerful header from a corner and Leo notched his hat trick all before the 25 minute mark. HT: 5-0. Understandably we dropped the tempo in the second half however we extended our lead when Leo got his 4th and our 6th. To their credit, Ballyhar grabbed one back and were playing some good football. However, the goal of the game came with some good work down the right sent Oisin away and he skipped past two defenders and crossed for Jack Fleming to finish low to the corner. FT: Ballyhar 1 - 7 Killarney Athletic. An excellent run out for the lads and we're into the next round. Thanks to Ballyhar for a sporting game and the ref for officiating on the day. We wish Ballyhar all the best in the shield and for the rest of their league campaign.

U13 GIRLS PREMIER RESULT

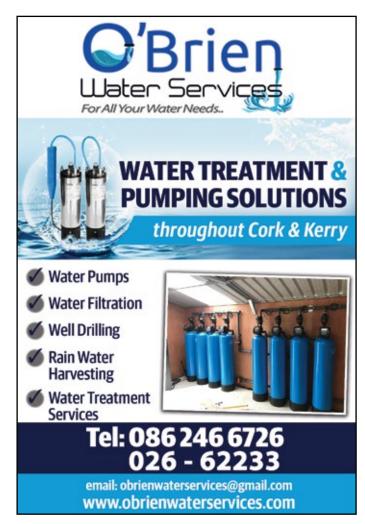
Killarney Athletic 2 - 1 Dingle

Leah Heinemann x1 Erica Maloney x1

Our U13 girls welcomed Dingle Bay Rovers to Woodlawn this afternoon and with both teams missing a few players we agreed to play 10 v 10. Athletic started well and dominated the opening half with the Dingle keeper pulling off some great saves to keep it 0-0. However, athletic broke the deadlock when Leah broke clear and slotted home 1-0. Dingle hit back a few minutes later when their player latched onto a defensive mix up and finished cooly beyond the onrushing Lori. On the stroke of half time we hit the front again, this time a great strike from Erica. HT: 2-1. The second half saw some great play from both sides, however not too many chances created.

The big moment in the game came with about 10 mins to go when Dingle were awarded a penalty. Up stepped the dingle striker and she hit a great strike only for Lori to pull off a good save to keep our noses in front. FT: 2-1 Athletic. The girls put in a great shift having not played for a number of weeks and were glad to hear the final whistle, none more so than our mascot for the day Lara who was thrilled with the win. Thanks to Dingle for a very entertaining game and making the long trip to Killarney, thanks also







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to Brian Spillane for referring the game.

GIRLS U15 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 1 - 1 MEK

Ella Crowley x1

The girls welcomed MEK to Woodlawn for an early start this was a game of high quality with Athletic going up 1 nil with a goal from Ella Crowley a well taken finish from inside the box. The Girls dominated the first half and were unlucky to be up by more. In the second half things evened up a lot more and a quality side like MEK were not going to let this game go too easy and they got there goal with 10 mins to go to even things up. Both sides pushed for the winner but it finished a fair draw. We would like to say thanks to MEK for a brilliant game. And we would like to thank the Ref for a sporting game.

BOYS U12 DIVISION 1 RESULT

Killarney Athlectic B 0 - 2 Fenit B

The boys welcomed Fenit to Woodlawn today, it was a tough battle from the start , Athletic had some of the best early chances but as the game wore on Fenit started to take control and scored their first from a corner, the Athletic boys worked hard and had plenty of chances but the ball would not go in, and from one of those attacks Fenit got their second with a break away goal. The boys never gave up but it was not to be their day. We would like to thank Fenit for a great game and we would like to thank the Ref.

U14 DIVISION 2 RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 1 - 1 Dingle A

Malachy Audley x 1

MOTM - Marco Regosa

A big top of the table clash this morning as our young blues welcomed Dingle to Woodlawn. Last time round the result didn't go in our favour



and the lads were keen to right that wrong today. The boys started very strongly, quickly settling in to their style of play and were moving the ball very well. They had a few half chances early on but Dingle were threatening too with Marco making a couple of crucial saves to keep them at bay. It would be Athletic that would break the deadlock on 25mins with Torin Lyne intercepting the Dingle kick out to find Malachy Audley who scored with a great effort from some distance. The boys got their heads straight back to business and were pushing hard for a 2nd hitting the bar 3 times in the process but it

wasn't to be and Dingle managed to grab their own goal with 6mins to go.

As much as the boys pushed they couldn't find that all important winner and it was to end all square. The lads showed real heart & determination and should all be immensely proud of their performance today, every player gave it their absolute all. 2 more games to go now in the league, let's make sure we keep the pressure on!









MEK U11 girls team who were in action at the weekend.









KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

COMPETITION RESULTS

Annual Mary Geaney 3 Person Scramble played on Sunday 2nd March 2025 at Killarney Mahony's Point

Winners: Anne Duggan, Winnie Ryan, Eileen Sugrue, 44

2: Lisa Cullen, Eimear O'Sullivan, Patricia Quane, 44

3: Amy Arthur, Helen O'Donoghue, Mary Lyons, 45

4: Tracy Eakin, Margaret Curtin, Veronica O'Connor, 45

5: Isabelle Roberts, Patricia Lynch, Pauline Lyne, 45

6: Maire Murphy, Kate Anu Culloty, Gretta O'Regan, 46

7: Mary Geaney, Mary Chute, Mary Treacy, 48

8: Sinead Galvin, Julie Leonard, Claire Horgan, 49

9: Marie O'Brien, Cora O'Sullivan, Noreen O'Mahony, 49

NEXT FIXTURE will be 8th March 2025, 18 Holes 4 Ball Better Ball Stableford event on Killeen Course kindly Sponsored by Scarlett Boutique

ROSS GC, GENTS

RESULTS

On Thursday Feb 27th our Seniors held a 12 hole stableford competition.

The winners were
1st: Dermot O Connor (13) 26 pts
2nd: John Ivory (10) 26pts
3rd: Jim Delaney (15) 23pts
4th... Donal Doherty (13) 22pts

SPRING LEAGUE

On March 8th and 9th we will hold the first round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a stableford competition.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

Congratulations to Kitty O'Grady on winning 1st place with 14 points in the 9 hole Singles competition on Saturday last.

COMPETITIONS

International Women's Day Ladies Scramble 8th March very kindly sponsored by Torc Travel Ltd Meet at Club House at 10.00am

LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this



Photographed at the launch of Beaufort Golf Clubs Club's fundraiser Open Day event which is being held on Good Friday April 14th are Club Captains for 2024 Susan & Vincent Darby, along with Michelle O'Brien of The Plaza Hotel who will sponsor the Event and also Brian Lawlor GM of The O'Donoghue Ring Collection of Hotels. **Photo: Ian Cronin.**

season. Wednesday evenings June 4th to July 9th. Please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

SPRING LEAGUE ROUND 2 MARCH 1ST/2ND

1st: Johnny Doolan (24) 42 points 2nd: John Bowler (18) 40 points - back 9 3rd: Austin Rooney (15) 40 points.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Ger Casey & Denis Duggan 36½, Gross: John McGrath & Noel Moynihan 43, Second Nett: Denis Duggan & James Foley 38½ and Hole-In-One: John Murphy

(5th Hole). This is John's third straight hole-inone in the last three competitions he has played! MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership for 2025 is due now as of March 1st. Prices the same as last year namely-Single Adult-€150, OAP-€100, Juvenile-€80 Family-€300. Club Registrar Bobby Kelly will be available over the coming weeks after the Sunday morning Fourballs for anyone wishing to sign up for the year.

2025 FIXTURES

Please note these are currently being finalised and will be announced in due course. We advise anyone seeking to play in Pitch & Putt Ireland events in the early part of the year to ensure they are joined up by April 1st next.

WORK MORNING

Please note that there will be a work morning on Saturday March 15th commencing at 9.30am. Anyone able to offer assistance is welcome.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the Culloty family and friends of the late Johnny Culloty who passed away last week. May he Rest in Peace.

FARMERS CONCERNS RAISED IN THE DAIL

In the Dáil this week, Deputy Danny Healy Rae raised the concerns of farmers regarding proposals to rewet peat type soils with the Minister for Agriculture, Deputy Martin Heydon- This would greatly impact on farmers ability to farm, especially on marginal farms in places like South Kerry, West Kerry and all along the western seaboard.

Deputy Danny Healy Rae said:

Representatives of the Irish Natura and Hill Farmers Association came up to Agriculture House yesterday. Their concerns are about proposals to rewet peat-type soils and to stop people draining peat-type soils that have not been drained yet or have had only a little drainage. This will greatly and adversely impact on farmers' ability to farm, especially on marginal farms in places like south Kerry, west Kerry and all along the western seaboard. I am glad the Minister, Deputy Heydon, and the Minister of State, Deputy Michael Healy-Rae, met this group. One of their asks is that mineral-type soils not be included and they say there should not be a compulsory order. The group is saying that payment rules are going to be affected by these new GAEC 2 proposals. I am asking the Ministers and the Taoiseach to consider this. It looks as though this proposal came from the Greens.

I want it to be stopped.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Deputy Martin Heydon) replied:
I reassure Deputy Healy-Rae that the GAEC 2 proposals will not have negative impacts for farmers. These baseline elements were agreed as part of the CAP

impacts for farmers. These baseline elements were agreed as part of the CAP strategic plan in 2021. Ireland had a derogation in 2022 and 2023 while we put a proposal together. We are the last remaining country in Europe to make a proposal in this space. We would have been in breach since 1 January 2025 if we did not do that this year and I am not willing, as Minister for agriculture, to subject the State or our CAP funding to potential fines of €100 million per year. At the heart of the proposal we have put to the Commission and on which we consulted all of the farming bodies, including the INHFA and many others - I accept their points of concern but I disagree with them - is an approach that will allow farmers in the GAEC 2 area who have more than 50% of peat in their soil to continue their normal agricultural activity, continue to plough, reseed and maintain drains and have new drainage in line with existing national planning legislation.

Deputy Danny Healy Rae: Will you stop people from cutting turf, Minister? **Deputy Martin Heydon:** It has nothing to do with that.









JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...

GAA CONGRESS 2025

Ah, yeah. The highlight of everybody's year. Umpteen motions (40, which is actually an improvement on recent years, and several of those were withdrawn when it became clear that they weren't going to garner support), just in case delegates get too much time to actually debate controversial ideas - it is my own belief that most of the debating is done outside the formal chamber, and that applies in any political arena. In fairness, the GAA may have always had a reputation for staid conservatism tempered in recent times by financial opportunism - and I actually have no inherent bias against either of those things, both can actually have a lot of merit. But while hurling has thrived in recent years, not least because of a far more competitive championship, the same could certainly not be said for gaelic football. Whether Dublin had inherent advantages in terms of finance or playing population (both sounded far too close to excuses for a county like Kerry) is moot. The fact is that the actual games were not enjoyable to watch, and the number of playing supporters was dropping faster than Donald Trump apologists. I'm glad to say that the GAA have not been slow to grasp the nettle. Of course the FRC proposals are still up for debate, frankly, I am a bit surprised at the number of managers coming forward to criticise them. It's a more open game now, supporters are loving it, players are still adapting. As a friend pointed out to me in recent days, "managers like control, but spectators love chaos". There's a large degree of truth in that. Away back in 1980, John Mitchels delegate and legendary footballer Joe Keohane called at County Convention for the palmed fistpass to be banned because "a team of basketballers could win the All Ireland".

Austin Stacks delegate Seán Murphy replied by stating that "I think the younger players of today know that it is a game of possession. The day of catch and kick is gone and it will never come back. While there is newspaper hysteria about the handpass I see nothing at all wrong with it."

I would argue that Joe Keohane didn't get much wrong in his reading of any gaelic football match, and he was twenty years ahead of his time. Football did become a negative, almost robotic game. GAA Congress may have resisted that unpalatable truth but be fair, they have moved quickly enough to bring in change, and



more changes were introduced at this year's Congress.

New All Ireland Championship Format

The 'Super Eights' were the exact opposite of 'super'. So the GAA, while cramming in extra games – and in fairness, people did want games arriving more frequently rather than some teams being left cold for six weeks or more – brought in a group stage format that they described as.....well, anything other than 'Super 8s'. Basically, you have sixteen teams in a competition once the National League concludes. Kind of. It depends on the Provincial Championship. Quick question, when was the last year that Dublin didn't win Leinster? For that matter, take out the 2020 covid year, and the Munster Championship wouldn't be featuring on any highlights reel either.

Sixteen teams. After three group games, a whopping four teams are eliminated. Eight go into....brace yourselves, 'cause this nonsense is actually embarrassing for me to say....a pre-quarter-final. Once again, sixteen team competition.

Oh, remember all the promises that the Taillteann Cup will get plenty of promotion? You should have bought yourself a lottery ticket rather than listening to that; you'd have gotten better odds.

The GAA kept telling us that there was nothing wrong and the format was working, but that was blatant nonsense to everyone – once again, we could actually see the numbers at games – and, very much to their credit, they have bitten the bullet.

Unfortunately, it's too late for this year (and I do sympathise with managers in that one, you can't change the format and introduce an element of risk at this late stage of a training cycle) but from 2026 onwards, we will have something that actually resembles a championship format and games that should be more meaningful.

The eight provincial finalists and the next seven teams (based on league ranking) will qualify, along with the Tailteann Cup winners. These 16 teams will be randomly drawn for first-round matches. The eight first-round winners move to Round 2A, where they face off to determine four direct quarter-finalists. The eight first-round losers move to Round 2B, with four progressing to Round 3, where they will face the Round 2A losers for the remaining quarter-final spots. The system ensures teams get at least two chances,

while increasing the competitiveness of each game.

Does this sound too complicated? It's the same as our County Championship format, and I think it works really well. Make no mistake, it does mean that big guns (like ourselves, to be blunt about it) could run into brick walls early on. But so what? To be the best, you have to beat the best whenever and wherever you meet them, so I personally am hugely in favour of this. So were the delegates – a 92.8% vote in favour shows that I wasn't the only one who hated the drawn-out money-making nonsense.

No All-Ireland Final Replays in 2025

A motion proposing that All-Ireland finals go straight to a replay after normal time was withdrawn after a 'spirited debate'. I'm always dodgy about terms like 'spirited debate', that's straight out of a PR manual. But basically, All Ireland Finals will go to extra-time and, if the teams are still level at the end of that, go to a replay.

Where it got interesting is in regard to provincial finals. Cork in particular opposed the idea of provincial finals going to a replay after extratime (dual county, perhaps? I don't know) and Donegal chair Mary Coughlan argued against provincial finals being decided on penalties. Personally I don't think provincial finals are anything like as important as they used to be, far from it, and as I have consistently argued, the playing schedule is very overcrowded already. There just isn't room for that many replays. Yes, the odds of a provincial final finishing level are diminished with the new rules - they allow for better rewards or an attacking team and more opportunities for scores - but you are multiplying them by four every single year. It's going to happen.

The matter will be looked at again at Special Congress (does that sound like a little bit of a cop-out to anybody else? Sorry now, but 'special' congresses (congri?) feel a bit more commonplace nowadays.

Club League Participation Motion Withdrawn

A high-profile motion requiring players to play four club league games before being eligible for inter-county selection was withdrawn. This motion was championed by former Dublin star Noel McCaffrey on the basis that it would help prioritise club football. Personally, I would be in favour of it, but Kerry were among the counties to oppose it on the basis that our inter-county season kicks off well before Round Four of the County League. I do sympathise with that argument, but I have issues with county players not playing for their clubs (an issue that first reared its head in the 1970s and has become commonplace nowadays - as far as I am concerned, if you can't play with your club, then you can't play for your county within the next seven days, and I would apply that very strictly). The matter 'will be considered in an amended format next year'. No, I have no real idea what that statement means either, but the bottom line is that the motion didn't pass this year. Call me cynical if you will, but I won't be holding my breath for any amended motion next year; too many counties were in clear opposition.

Hurling Handpass Reform Rejected

Okay, this one is a little bit complicated. To be honest, I was utterly baffled at first. There was a motion that players not be allowed to handpass with the hand holding the sliotar. They would have to pass it with the opposite hand (i.e. the one holding the hurley, which is why I was baffled) or bounce it off the hurley before the strike. A friend who played hurling at a higher level explained to me that tossing the hurley to the opposite hand and handpassing the sliotar is a skill almost as old as the game itself (and that's old, as in the gaels of Erin were hurling while the gods of Greece were young, to borrow P.J.Devlin's famous phrase). However, in recent years it has become much more common to have players take the shortcut of throwing the ball. I will bow to experts in the sport; 67% of delegates voted against the motion.

Liam Griffin's Hurling Motion Withdrawn

Wexford's Liam Griffin, who managed the county to All-Ireland hurling glory in 1996, proposed that all dual clubs should field hurling teams from U7 to U10.

Again, I was hugely in favour of this one. Hurling is fantastic, far better than football at this stage (hopefully the FRC proposals will see that change, although I note that most football teams in the National League are still opting for a bulwark defence) but it isn't really a widespread sport. Beloved by all Irish people, but played by very few, to be truthful. Kerry is a football county, so our perspective might be a bit skewed, but if pin was put to collar, I don't see why Kerry football clubs couldn't do this. I'm not suggesting it would be any small thing (it'd be easy for me to spend other club's money, and I do now how hard it is to raise it) but it would be worth doing. One small change; I'd allow camogie as part of that brief.

Not that my opinion matters. As it is, the motion was gracefully withdrawn by Liam Griffin and the matter left in the hands of the Hurling Development Committee (Tipperary native and former Laois manager Willie Maher is the new GAA Hurling Development Officer; I genuinely wish him well but it's very difficult to

effect change).

Disciplinary Powers Strengthened

Two motions aimed at tightening GAA disciplinary procedures were passed with ease. Committees can now enforce additional suspensions for category 3 and 4 offences and they can add a one match suspension if they deem an appeal frivolous or an abuse of process.

This is a touchy area. I'm always wary when the powers that be adopt greater powers for themselves (hello, Elon, how is DOGE and your personal credibility going?) but I'm fine with this. Frankly, there is a little too much nonsense. I want the GAA at all levels (and every other sport, for that matter) to be much stronger in backing their man in the middle. Mess with a match official, and I want real and serious sanction.

New York Hurlers to Compete in Lory Meagher Cup

The motion allowing New York hurlers to compete in the Lory Meagher Cup was passed, with 76.8% of delegates in favor. This marks a historic inclusion for New York, boosting overseas participation in inter-county hurling. Look, nobody wants to be this guy, but somebody has to say the unpopular thing. Can New York field all through a championship if they win? They could in the 1960s but then the US started tightening immigration legislation, starting from 1966, and the whole legal/illegal immigration status became a real issue. If that's no longer an issue (and I'd be surprised, given the current state of America) then I celebrate this move as much or more than anybody. I have felt for years that the GAA looked on the US (and England, to a lesser extent) as fundraising opportunities. Our diaspora always deserved better than that - by the way, there were New York teams in the 1960s who could give anybody a real run for their money in gaelic games. New York, All Ireland Junior champions, are on a high right now. I unfortunately do wonder if this is really viable in the long term but if you are ever going to try it, this is the time.

Club Facilities Motion Falls Short

A Kilkenny motion proposing that GAA clubs permit other sports and community groups to use their facilities received a majority vote but failed to reach the required 60% threshold. Personally I don't support the requirement of a national mandate. I think individual clubs should be allowed to decide on a case by case basis. The fact that this did receive a majority vote makes me think that I am not alone in that, but for now we are where we are with it.

Rule Change Proposals Limited to Every Five Years

A Sligo motion aimed at abolishing the rule that clubs can only propose playing rule changes every five years narrowly missed the

60% threshold. I would have supported the motion - the game does not evolve at five year intervals and there is no such restriction on motions from Central Council. As much as I support the FRC, there is no denying the irony in that they have a clear mandate to propose changes and follow up with proposed changes to the changes. Yet clubs can't even bring a motion to Congress outside the five years? For that matter – and I now how popular this will be - but I'm sceptical of Central Council being able to bring motions. Administration or governance, and do ye understand the difference? I'm not doubting Central Council delegates genuine commitment to the games, but there is a danger in a lack of safeguards. I always go back to the Sky TV deal and Central Council pleading that delegates 'not tie their hands in regard to financial matters'. That was exactly what delegates were elected to do, and to me it was an abdication of responsibility to the grassroots that ended up costing the GAA an awful lot of credibility, and rightly so.

KERRY FOOTBALLERS LOSE OUT TO MAYO NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Mayo 0-21 Kerry 1-16

After another league defeat we are dancing a bit around the relegation end of the Division One table. A little bit of unease is understandable at this stage. We're not really generating momentum, are we? As a matter of fact, I still maintain that we were lucky enough against both Derry and Tyrone; both of them played more of the ball than us on the day but faltered within sight of the finish line. Although that could be said about a good few teams, including one of those in Castlebar last Sunday. Both teams were good....in patches. No question, though, the home side sparkled that bit more when they were on top. Mayo opted for a full court press and Kerry looked slightly unsettled. Colm Reape pounced for the opening score but Kerry hit back fast, moving the ball at speed, and David Clifford and Paul Geaney quickly popped over points. We were already struggling on our own kickout though, and Frank Irwin took advantage to level matters. In fact, Mayo took almost complete control, mopping up in the middle third. Ryan O'Donoghue slotted a free (tp), with Diarmuid O'Connor pointing from play in reply. I was happy enough with our midfield pairing, but the breaking ball....ouch.

And Mayo were sharp in taking advantage. Jack Carney and Darren McHale split the posts. Matthew Ruane – I consider him to be a

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High flying... Action from the Kerry V Mayo game. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans Action from the Kerry VMayo game. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

generational footballer - opened his account before McHale slotted his second. Kerry were struggling to penetrate Mayo's defensive line, and missing chances even when they did. We were floundering a bit. Sam Callinan pointed and Ryan O'Donoghue made it 0-12 to 0-3. There was one team playing football here...and it wasn't us.

Micheál Burns came on to replace Armin Heinrich. Personally, I have never been in favour of this idea of positioning natural wing backs in the half forward line. It was an experiment that didn't work out. Fair enough; if you can't try these things in league football, you won't be road-testing them in championship. I have no problem with it being tried, but I am getting worried about all the chopping and changing in our half forward line particularly. Barry Dan, Cillian Burke, Darragh Lyne, Micheál Burns, Tony Brosnan, Keith Evans, Mark O'Shea....Seanie O'Shea is absolutely guaranteed to come back in for a jersey....there comes a point where you have to stick instead of twisting and I don't know that we are all that far away from it.

Kerry needed something special and that's exactly what they got. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch has been our top league performer overall, rivalled by Diarmuid O'Connor (we shall overlook one particular individual display in Pomeroy) and he gave Kerry a lifeline, skinning along the endline and producing a stunning finish. David

Clifford added a free. 0-12 to 1-4, still shrouded but at least we could see a chink of daylight now. Just on the stroke of half-time, though, Ryan O'Donoghue nailed an extremely difficult sideline kick to give his side two points. In fairness, there was a touch of class about that one.

Half-time Mayo 0-14 Kerry 1-4

I won't lie, I definitely thought that it was gone from us. To be blunt, Mayo had played all of the football in the third quarter. Kerry did look sharper coming out for the second half, with Dylan Geaney quickly pointing. Paudie Clifford added another and David reduced the gap to 0-14 to 1-8. It was Mayo's turn to be struggling a bit. Paul Geaney reduced the gap to two points. We saw Dublin eat a big lead (that one still stings me), could Kerry do the same?

Not if Aidan O'Shea had a say. I think the fact that Mayo haven't managed to get over the line has masked exactly how good the big man is his impact once he moved to the middle was a clear reminder. Ryan O'Donohue slotted a free and quickly added a point from play. Dylan Geaney (Geaney Óg and Damien Bourke are the two players who have been staking a real claim for championship jerseys so far in this campaign) but Matthew Ruane stretched the gap back out to a goal again.

Everything to play for now. Paul Geaney with a point. Conor Geaney with another to make it 0-17 to 1-13. Eight minutes left on the clock, and David Clifford boomed over a two pointer. Suddenly, remarkably, Kerry were in front, and David notched a free (holding on to the ball too long - it's a harsh enough penalty) to put us up by two points. We landed two smash and grab raids for our two league wins, were we about to do it again? Because if so, it would only have been papering over a few cracks in my opinion.....

Not that such a conversation is needed, because Kerry just couldn't raise another gallop. It wasn't any lack of effort. I think - and I am not one for any excuses - but five weeks in a row, including long journeys....well, I've made my opinion very clear about the crowded schedule many times over in this column; I won't subject ye to it again.

Kerry could consider themselves a little unlucky when Colm Reape rose high to catch a David Clifford effort above the crossbar, but it was all Mayo at the finish. David McBrien trimmed the gap and Fergal Boland closed it completely. Ryan O'Donoghue edged Mayo back in front and Matthew Ruane closed it out.

Look, I'm not for one second going to pretend that all is rosy in the garden. It most definitely isn't. We have won two league games, and frankly we were lucky to win either of those. We were let off the hook.

First of all, I don't think we have played our full hand yet. We have thrown players in at the deep end. Sorry now, but there is no other way of finding out. Given the length of the laying season now, and the state of Munster football in general - we all know it could come back to bite me, but Cork have lost a lot of quality players and are effectively out of the promotion fight - and that ridiculous drawn-out group stage thingy, I wouldn't want to see Kerry going at full speed now. That's not searching for excuses; I don't have any and don't think we need them right now. I don't think we are going down. It would actually be a lot easier to be competitive while experimenting in Division Two, but I don't want to do that, especially with the new championship format next year (it can't come soon enough for me).

Are we going well? No. I especially didn't like



how Mayo had the legs on us late on. But and again, let's tempt fate - I think Mayo are spending energy that they will need later on. We aren't, and I think it will stand to us later on. One ame went bad on us last year and we could have won that one if we took all our chances. I think that we were much closer to an All Ireland than most people realise. WE are doing a lot more right than wrong. I'm a little bit worried, true enough - outside of Bourke and Dylan Geaney, I'm ot really seeing new championship options - but I'm convinced tat we will be here or thereabouts at the finish line, and this is a marathon, not a sprint.

Mayo: Colm Reape (0-1). Jack Coyne, Donnacha McHugh, Enda Hession, Stephen Coen, David McBrien (0-1), Sam Callinan, Frank Irwin (0-2), Matthew Ruane (0-3), Fenton Kelly, Darren McHale (0-2), Jordan Flynn, Aidan O'Shea, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-9, 1tp, 1tps, 3f) Jack Carney (0-1). Subs: Seán Morahan (for Sam Callinan, 50 mins, Eoghan McLaughlin (for Fenton Kelly, 53 mins)), Fergal Boland 0-1 (for Jordan Flynn, 61 mins), Paul Towey (for Frank Irwin, 57 mins), Bob Tuohy (for Darren McHale, 67 mins).

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Damien Bourke, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Graham O'Sullivan, Mike Breen, Brian Ó'Beaglaoich (1-0), Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), Joe O'Connor, Darragh Lyne, Paudie Clifford (0-1), Armin Heinrich, David Clifford (0-6, 1tp, 2f), Paul Geaney (0-3, 1f), Dylan Geaney (0-4, 2tp). Subs: Micheál Burns (for Armin Heinrich, 31 mins), Mark O'Shea (for Darragh Lyne, 50 mins), Paul Murphy (for Damien Bourke, 53 mins), Conor Geaney 0-1 (for Paul Geaney, 54 mins), Dónal Down O'Sullivan (for Dylan Geaney, 67 mins).

Referee: Sean Hurson (Tyrone).

Kerry Get Back On Track Against Meath NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE DIV TWO

Kerry 1-20 Meath 0-20

Some days it really is all about the win. After last week's shock defeat to Donegal – and I mean no disrespect to the Christy Ring side, far from it, but that was the very definition of a shock defeat – we needed to get a win under our belts really fast. We can argue that we have been unlucky with player turnover and injuries, but that argument won't take you vey far. Kerry did have a couple of players back for this one, most notably Pádraig Boyle, and we definitely needed all hands on deck.

Meath made the better start. Jack Regan opened their account with a free, raidly cancelled out by Pádraig Boyle, but Mikey Cole (2), Regan, and Seán Quigley pushed Meath into a 0-5 to 0-1 lead. Luke Rochford steadied the Kerry ship with a good score and Pádraig Boyle added a free. Mikey Cole and Evan Fitzgerald (f) made

it 0-7 to 0-3 but Boyle pointed from play. That seemed to settle Kerry, with Oisín Maunsell, Boyle, Rochford, and Ronan Walsh putting Kerry in front by a point.

Jack Regan equalised with a free but the effervescent Boyle sliced in for a goal in the 25th minute that had more than a share of good fortune about it. No matter; they all count on the scoreboard. Nicky Potterton and Sean Quigley responded with Royal scores. Ronan Walsh split the posts for Kerry but two Jack Regan frees saw Meath close the gap. Half-time

Kerry 1-9 Meath 0-12.

Kerry made a good start to the second half, with Pádraig Boyle clipping over three points (2f, 1'65) and Tom Doyle pointing from play. Kerry ahead by four poins, but Meat hit back through Mikey Cole. Pádraig Boyle and Daire Shine exchanged scores before Jack Regan trimmed the gap back to two, 1-14 to 0-15. Oisín Maunsell pointed but again Regan came up with a reply and did the same after a Pádraig Boyle free. Luke Crowley made it 1-17 to 0-17 before Regan (2f) and Boyle (f) made it a two point game. Points from Luke Crowley and Seán Brosna appeared to have made the game safe and one last free from the outstanding Regan wasn't enough to deny Kerry a muchneeded win.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Kyle O'Connor, Flor McCarthy, Seamie Foran, Seán McGrath, Kevin Goulding, Darragh Shanahan, Daithí Griffin, Rory Mahony, Tom Doyle (0-1), Oisín Maunsell (0-2), Ronan Walsh (0-2), Luke Rochford (0-2), Pádraig Boyle (1-10, 6f, 1'65), Shane Nolan. Subs: Paudie O'Connor (for Rory Mahony, 45 mins), Seán Brosnan 0-1 (for Shane Nolan, 52 mins), Luke Crowley 0-2 (for Ronan Walsh, 55 mins), Dylan Moriarty (for Kyle O'Connor, 69 mins), Ronan Donovan (for Daithí Griffin, 74 mins).

Meath: Colm O'Riordan, Jarlath Ennis, Ben Holden, Domhnall Rogers, Kris Gorman, Daire Shine (0-1), Simon Ennis, Seán Quigley (0-2), Joey Cole, Evan Fitzgerald (0-1), Jack Regan (0-11, 10f), Lorcan Byrne, Mikey Cole (0-4), Cian Rogers, Nicky Potterton (0-1). Subs: Darragh Kelly (for Ben Holden, half-time), James Toher (for Seán Quigley, 49 mins), Darren O'Higgins (for Cian Rogers, 53 mins), Martin Healy (for Joey Cole, 57 mins), Seán Corbett (for Evan Fitzgerald, 62 mins).

Referee: Paul Dunne (Laois)

LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV ONE

KERRY 2-8 MAYO 0-4

I couldn't actually be there myself (like all the best reporters, I can do bilocation, but I prefer to save that for championship in the summer months) and so I dependent on Kerry's National PRO of the Year Paul Murphy and the LGFA for a cobbled-together report (let's not kid each other, it's probably better than any effort of mine anyway).

An early second half blitz saw Kerry boost their chances of a Division 1 final spot in the Lidl NFL and left Mayo staring relegation in the face.

Despite only scoring two points in the first half through Saoirse Lally and Kayla Doherty when they had the wind, Mayo were competitive in the opening 30 minutes but Danielle O'Leary's goal a minute after the restart was a huge setback for the home side in Swinford.

Any faint hopes of a comeback were ended by Siofra O'Shea's goal on 52 minutes, the fullforward finishing with 1-5, with Kayla Doherty getting Mayo's only scores in the second half from frees late on.

Kerry know victory over Meath in their next game will see them guarantee their spot in the league final, while Mayo must beat both Kildare and Waterford if they are to have any chance of staying up.

Mayo opened the scoring through a fisted effort by Lally on six minutes but a point from Rachel Dwyer and two monster frees by O'Shea put the visitors 0-3 to 0-1 up at the end of the first quarter.

Liam McHale's side were proving a difficult nut to crack however, with Lally, Erin Murray, Bree Hession and Hannah Reape making life difficult for the Kingdom. O'Shea's third free of the half on 29 minutes was Kerry's sole score of the second quarter and Kayla Doherty's first free of the day left only two between them, 0-4 to 0-2, at the break with Mayo set to play with the wind

The introduction of All Star Niamh Carmody and Kayleigh Cronin saw Kerry up the tempo. After two quickfire points, another of their All Stars O'Leary rifled home a goal to put them 1-6 to 0-2 ahead.

O'Shea added another free before she wrapped the game up for the visitors when her free from 20 metres looped into the net. Niamh Ní Chonchúir rounded off the scoring for Kerry late on with a well-taken effort.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Deirdre Kearney, Roisín Rahilly, Aisling O'Connell, Niamh Broderick, Ciara McCarthy, Mary O'Connell (0-1), Anna Galvin, Aoife Dillane, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1), Leah Boyle, Rachel Dwyer (0-1), Siofra O'Shea (1-5, 1-4f), Danielle O'Leary (1-0). Subs: Caoimhe Evans (for Ciara McCarthy, half-time), Kayleigh Cronin (for Niamh Broderick, half-time), Niamh Carmody (for Leah Boyle, half-time), Jadyn Lucey (for Rachel Dwyer, 45 mins), Katie Sugrue (for Aoife Dillane, 57 mins), Katie Brosnan (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 57 mins), Fay O'Donoghue (for Roisín Rahilly, 59 mins).

Mayo: Julia Gawalkiewicz, Lucy Wallace, Nicola O'Malley, Ciara Durkan, Danielle Caldwell, Jenna Mortimer, Saoirse Lally (0-1), Erin Murray, Hannah Reape, Ciara Whyte, Clodagh Keane, Riona Jordan, Kayla Doherty (0-3, 3f), Bree Hession, Maria Cannon. Subs: Annie Gough for Cannon (43), Chelsea Doherty (for Ciara Whyte, 43 mins), Ella Brennan (for Ciara Durkan, 56 mins), Sherin El Massry (for Erin Murray, 56 mins), Saoirse Delaney (for Clodagh Keane, 61 mins). Referee: Gus Chapman (Sligo).

KERRY CAMOGIE SEE OFF MEATH CHALLENGE CAMOGIE NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 2A

Kerry 3-10 Meath 0-12

After a disappointing opener against Offaly, Kerry got back to winning ways at the MTU Sportsfield against old rivals Meath in the National League.

Meath's Ciara Foley opened the scoring, but a lively Amy O'Sullivan, bean laoch an chluiche, quickly replied for Kerry in the fourth minute the same player was on the end of a good Kerry move to slot a goal past a hapless Tara Murphy. Kate Lynch quickly pointed and a free from Patrice Diggin put Kerry into a 1-3 to 0-1 lead. Aoife Cleary picked off two frees for the Royals but Patrice Diggin, excellent as always, split the posts with another free. In the 23rd minute Emma Regan pointed to keep her side in touch,

1-4 to 0-4, but Amy O'Sullivan cut in for her second goal to extend Kerry's lead. Meath almost replied in kind, with Aoife Fitzgerald denyin Aoife Cleary with a good save. Patrice Diggin swapped scores with Amy affney to leave Kerry in the ascendancy by 2-5 to 0-5 at the break.

Aoife Carey pulled a point back for Meath from the throw-in, but good combination by Amy McCarthy and Kate Lynch carved the defence open and set up Amy O'Sullivan for her hattrick. Ciara Foley pulled one back and Aoife Fitzgerald was called into action again to deny Emma Regan. Amy O'Sullivan and Aoife Carey traded scores before Ann Marie Leen put Kerry ahead by 3-7 to 0-8.

Points from Isabel O'Connor and Ciara Foley gave Meath hope, while Maeve Clince was unlucky to see her goalbound effort whip the wrong side of the post. Points from Patrice Diggin (2, 1f) settled Kerry. Grace Connolly and Amy O'Sullivan exchanged points. Ciara Foley had one last free for Meath but Patrice Diggin split the posts with the last puck of the game to give Kerry a 3-10 to 0-12 win.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Roisín Quinn, Niamh Leen, Aoife Behan, Caoimhe Spillane, Ruth O'Connor, Kathryn Ryan, Patrice Diggin (0-5, 4fs), Ellen O'Donoghue, Amy McCarthy, Kate Lynch (0-1), Amy O'Sullivan (3-3). Subs: Ann

Marie Leen 0-1 (for Kathryn Ryan, 40), Shannon Collins (for Amy McCarthy, 49), Áine O'Connor (for Roisín Quinn, 55), Sarah Walsh (for Caoimhe Spillane, 59)

Meath: Tara Murphy, Laura O'Neill, Grace Coleman, Sophia Payne, Rachel O'Neill, Leah Devine, Amy Gaffney (0-1), Erin Leddy, Aedin Slattery, Emma Regan (0-1), Aoibhin Lally, Aoife Carey (0-4, 2fs), Ciara Foley (0-4, 1f), Maeve Clince, Ella O'Brien. Subs: Isabel O'Connor 0-1 (for Erin Leddy, half-time), Grace Connolly 0-1 (for Ella O'Brien, 38), Katie Connolly (for Aobhin Lally, 43), Blaithnaid Hughes (for Emma Regan, 46), Cliodhna O'Riordan (for Laura O'Neill, 56),

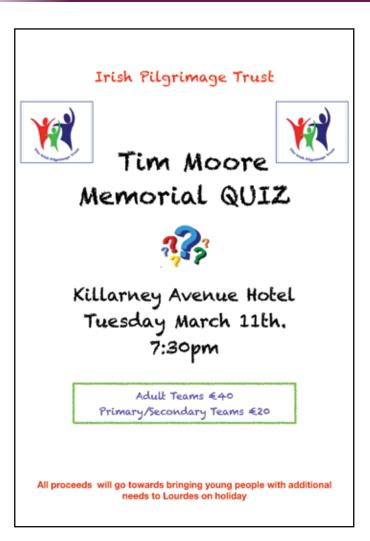
Louise Gaffney (for Sophie Payne, 58), Roisin Heaney (for Rachel O'Neill, 59), Eimear Fagan (for Aoife Carey, 61).

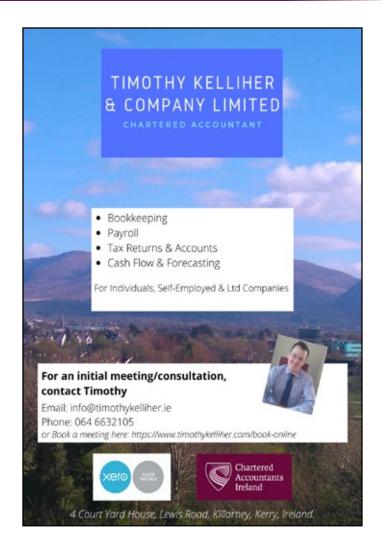
Referee: Karol Collins (Galway)

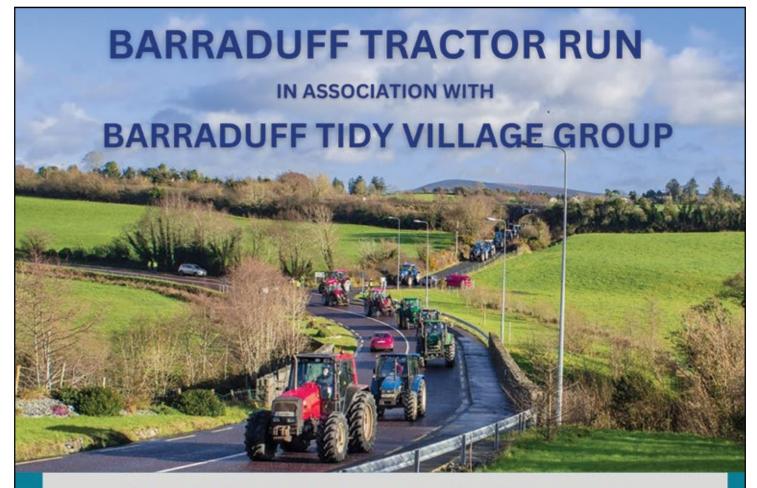


Amy O'Sullivan opened the scoring for Kerry.

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KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

JOHNNY CULLOTY

A sad week in the Club as we bade farewell to one of the icons of the GAA in not only the county but the country. Simply put Johnny was one of the greatest sportspeople the county has ever produced and as a



club we were fortunate to have the benefit of his incredible knowledge. Johnny had a honour laden career as a player winning 12 Munster titles, 5 All Irelands and 5 league titles. He then moved into management with the Kerry senior team winning a further three National Leagues and a Munster title. He again answered the call of the county when helping Paidi O Se with the Kerry U21s and Jack O'Connor with the Kerry Seniors to add further honours. Gaelic football wasn't his sole interest as he won 4 National Hurling titles and An All Ireland Junior Hurling title in 1961. All those honours are well documented but what you can't find on google is the influence he had on his own club . There was no job too big or too small for Johnny as he coached numerous teams over the years, and to coach the Legion U14 teams to seven East Kerry titles in a row was some achievement when you think of the changing cast each year. He held the role of Legion chairman while still managing the Kerry senior team, When the club set up home in Direen he took a huge interest in its development. As his son Donal said at his funeral mass he was involved in the sourcing and purchase of the original field and every improvement that had been made in the following thirty three years Johnny had his shoulder to the wheel of it. Alongside Pat Healy , his brother in arms, they spent an incalculable amount of time in Direen and the facilities today are a credit to the likes of Johnny, Pat, Pat Moynihan and their fellow committee members. But as Fr Pat O Donnell said in his wonderfully sculpted homily it was Johnny's ability to deliver a perspective to any situation and also his modesty and humility. One memorable tale was when Jack O Connor asked Johnny to come on board as a Kerry team selector and urged Johnny to embrace a mobile phone . Johnny's reply was "If you want a man with a mobile phone off you go but if you want a Kerry selector , I'll be at home for my dinner between 1-2 and my tea at 6pm any evening, you know where to find me". And while we as a club mourn his loss it is incomparable to that of his wife of 62 years Joan, sons Donal and Sean, daughters Brid and Orla and his extended family. But may they take comfort in knowing that someone so great will never be forgotten.

EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE East Kerry League Round 4 Final

Killarney Legion 2-14 Kenmare 1-19 Team Brian Kelly, Peter O' Sullivan, Darragh O Sullivan (0-3), Shaun Keane, Josh Bowler, Sam Benson (0-1), Finbarr Murphy (1-1), O Grady(1-3), David O'Sullivan (0-6), Peter McCarthy. Subs Used: Jason O Sullivan, Colm O Cuiv, Cathal A minute silence was observed for the late

Doherty, Kieran O Donoghue, Conor Gammell,

Danny Sheahan, Jonathon Lyne, Eoghan O

Sheahan, Mark Heffernan, Gavin Moriarty

Johnny Culloty RIP before the game.

Our U15 team participated in the annual Mick O'Brien Tournament in Nemo on Saturday. Over the course of 5 games, the boys got 100 mins of football into their legs as they started their preparation for the season ahead. The boys were eventually beaten in the A Final. Thanks to Nemo Rangers and all their volunteers for a fantastic

SATURDAY MORNING ACADEMY

The Academy will make its return on Saturday March 15th, suitable for boys and girls from age 4 to 10 it will run from 10.30am. With a new Academy committee at the helm there are some fresh and innovating ideas coming on board so it promises to be an exciting year.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others group will be returning from their winter break in the coming weeks . Deemed as social football with a twist or two it is the ideal outlet for any ladies interested in some exercise and more importantly fun. The group are going from strength to strength but as always are open to new members joining. Details of the starting date will be announced in the coming weeks.

GAELIC FOR GIRLS

Killarney Legion are delighted to be the only club in Kerry helping to run a fantastic new initiative. It is aimed at young girls who have either never tried Gaelic Football before or want to give it another go. Run in conjunction with the Ladies Gaelic Football Association and with Kerry star Siofra O Shea as its ambassador, it commences on Saturday 15th March in our club grounds in Direen and is open to everyone. The cost of the programme is just 12 Euro for 8 weeks and that includes a Gaelic 4 Girls t-shirt. The course will run for eight weeks from 10-11am each Saturday morning and for more info or to register you are urged to contact either Margaret at 087 2476755 or Laura at 087 2031804. Alternatively you can contact by email at Killarneylegionacademy@ gmail.com.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to the family of Denis Guerin (Manhattan, New York and formerly of Irish Cottage B&B Muckross Road, Killarney, Kerry). Denis played for the Club at a younger age, always kept an eye on the club from afar and was a most generous sponsor.

DR. CROKES

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the 2025 season is now due! **LOTTO** took place March 3rd. Numbers drawn

were 2, 10, 11, 21. Jackpot of €9,800 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €40 each. Jackpot for draw on March 10th will be €10,100.

FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT continues every Wednesday from 8pm in the clubhouse.

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BINGO Dr Crokes Bingo continues every second Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm. Dates for March are the 9th and 23rd.

CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Johnny Culloty on his recent passing. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

NOTES If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email pro.drcrokes. kerry@gaa.ie

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 02/03/2025 for a jackpot of €8,700 were 7, 14, 15, 18. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Amanda O'Brien, Mary Myers, Siobhan Kissane, Ann Russell, Stephen Daly. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link

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MINOR BOYS

Our minor team had a comprehensive win over St. Mary's / Reenard, Valentia in the guarter final of the club championship. They are away to Beaufort in the semi-final next Saturday, 8th March at 3pm. All support welcome.

EAST KERRY NEWS

SAGEGUARD SECURITY EAST KERRY **LEAGUE ROUND 5**

Division 1A

Kenmare 1-19 Legion 2-14 Firies 2-13 Listry 3-11

Division 1B

Glenflesk 1-16 Gneeveguilla 2-10

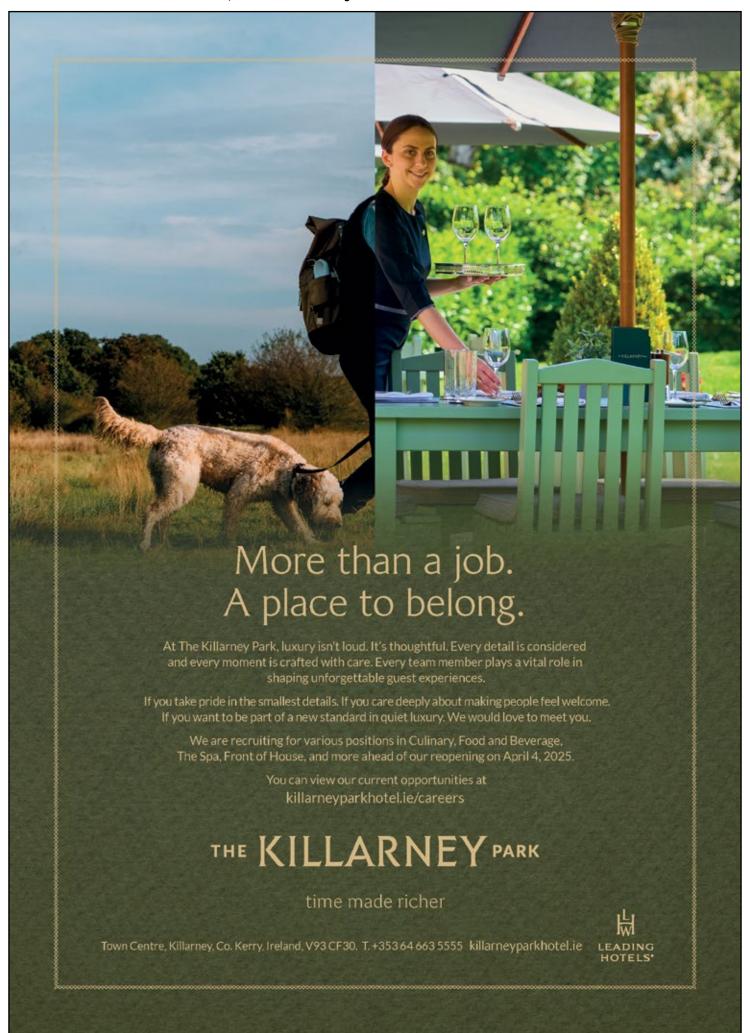
Division 2

Kilgarvan 1-07 Fossa 1-12 Scartaglen 4-10 Cordal 1-13 Finals scheduled for March 9th.

SYMPATHIES

Condolences to the family of Johnny Culloty, on his recent death. Johnny was a Kerry GAA legend, having a storied career in both football and hurling, winning County Championship's in both codes. His service to his club, Killarney Legion, was one of a lifetime of dedication. He will be greatly missed.

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Munster Minor Championship Round 1

OPENING GAME ENDS IN DEFEAT FOR MINORS

Tipperary 3-06 | Kerry 1-10

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork)



Kerry began the 2025 season with a defeat away to Tipperary on Saturday in Fethard Town Park.

On the match day program Kerry had eight from last year's panel while Tipperary had ten. Played in ideal conditions the home side got off to the perfect start inside the first minute with a point from Grace Hogan. Kerry were slow to get going and didn't register their first score till the eleventh minute with a point from Anna O'Sullivan. Muireann Teahan popped over one from a free and play as the Kingdom opened up a two-point lead with seventeen minutes gone on the clock. The Kingdom had chances to further extend the lead throughout the first half but were guilt of some poor misses despite getting into some good scoring opportunities. They would register nine wides in the first half compared to Tipperary's four. Tipperary reduced the deficit to one with a point from Aoife Shelly before a goal from Julie Grey saw them take a two-point lead with eight minutes of the half remaining. She spotted the keeper off her line and took the opportunity well. Kerry did respond with a point from Mary Kate Smith but another goal from Aoife Shelly saw Tipperary open up a four-point lead as the sides exchanges points with Tipperary going in at the break four points in front. Tipperary carried on like they finished the first and scored two points on the trot to extend the lead out to six at the start of the second half. The home side were full value for their lead as the Kingdom went in search of a respond to ignite their challenge. They soon got that with a



goal from Hannah NicGearilt. Both sides made a brace of substitutions and also exchanged frees from Grace Hogan and Muireann Teahan. Kerry were reduced to fourteen on the 47 minute when Roisin Daly received yellow. Despite the disadvantage Kerry scored the next two points one from a free and play courtesy of Muireann Teahan. Tipperary were now only one point in front as Kerry drew level with four minutes remaining. They took the lead shortly after from substitute Lori O'Connor but unfortunately all their hard work was undone when Tipperary substitute Sarah English scored a goal late in the game. It was to prove crucial as Tipperary held out for the win despite Kerry throwing everything at it in the dying stages in the hope of salvaging a late winner which unfortunately alluded them.

Tipperary Team & Scorers: K Hennessy, É Grace, T Bourke, K Cremins, A Ryan, I Carr (0-01), E Cuddihy, M Crowe (C), S O'Carroll (0-01), S O'Grady, L O'Brien, J Grey (1-0), G Hogan (0-03 – 1f), A Shelly (1-01), E Duffy

Subs: M Cunneen for S O'Grady 38min, S English (1-0) for J Grey 38min, K Nevin for A Shelly 39min, L Maher for G Hogan 49min, K Bailey Moloney for E Duffy 62min

Kerry Team & Scorers: A O'Shaughnessy, S Colleran, G Murphy, R Daly, J Lee O'Connor, S Randles, L O'Sullivan, A O'Donoghue, A O'Sullivan (0-01), H Nic Gearailt (1-0), M Teahan (0-06 - 3f, L O'Connor, S O'Sullivan, M Kate Smith (0-02), P O'Donovan

Subs: L O'Connor (0-01) for S O'Sullivan h/t, N Burke for S Colleran 39min, K Riordan for A O'Sullivan 39min, D Healy for P O'Donovan 49min, C McHugh for H NicGearailt 53min, R Cahill for G Murphy 60min, S Harkin for S Randles 64min

KERRY LGFA

Results

Munster U16 Sharon O'Keeffe Tournament – R2

Cork: 3-9(18) Kerry: 1-8(11)

Munster LGFA U16 A Championship R2 Cork: 4-7(19) Kerry: 0-7(7)

Munster U16 Championship – Round 3

16th March. Clare venue TBC

Clare -v- Kerry – Sharon O'Keeffe Tournament –

Clare -v- Kerry – A Championship – 2pm

Munster Minor Championship - Round 2

Saturday 22nd March - 12noon

Kerry -v- Waterford

Kerry venue TBC

Lidl Ladies National Football League – Round 6Saturday 22nd March

Kerry -v- Armagh

Austin Stack Park – Time TBC

KERRY RECORD ANOTHR WIN

Kerry 2-8 | Mayo 0-4

By Stuart Tynan

An early second half blitz saw TG4 All-Ireland champions Kerry boost their chances of a Division 1 final spot in the Lidl NFL and left Mayo staring relegation in the face.

Despite only scoring two points in the first half through Saoirse Lally and Kayla Doherty when they had the wind, Mayo were competitive in the opening 30 minutes but Danielle O'Leary's goal a minute after the restart was a huge setback for the home side in Swinford.

Any faint hopes of a comeback were ended by Siofra O'Shea's goal on 52 minutes, the fullforward finishing with 1-5, with Kayla Doherty getting Mayo's only scores in the second half from frees late on.

Kerry know victory over Meath in their next game will see them guarantee their spot in the league final, while Mayo must beat both Kildare and Waterford if they are to have any chance of staying up.

Mayo opened the scoring through a fisted effort by Lally on six minutes but a point from Rachel Dwyer and two monster frees by O'Shea put the visitors 0-3 to 0-1 up at the end of the first quarter.

Liam McHale's side were proving a difficult nut



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to crack however, with Lally, Erin Murray, Bree Hession and Hannah Reape making life difficult for the Kingdom. O'Shea's third free of the half on 29 minutes was Kerry's sole score of the second quarter and Kayla Doherty's first free of the day left only two between them, 0-4 to 0-2, at the break with Mayo set to play with the wind.

The introduction of All Star Naimh Carmody and Kayleigh Cronin saw Kerry up the tempo. After two quickfire points, another of their All Stars O'Leary rifled home a goal to put them 1-6 to 0-2 ahead.

O'Shea added another free before she wrapped the game up for the visitors when her free from 20 metres looped into the net. Niamh Ní Chonchúir rounded off the scoring for Kerry late on with a well-taken effort.

Scorers - Kerry: S O'Shea 1-5 (1-4f), D O'Leary 1-0, R Dwyer 0-1, M O'Connell 0-1, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1.

Mayo: K Doherty 0-3f, S Lally 0-1.

KERRY: M Bolger; E Lynch, D Kearney, R Rahilly; A O'Connell, N Broderick, C McCarthy; M O'Connell, A Galvin; A Dillane, N Ní Chonchúir, L Boyle; R Dwyer, S O'Shea, D O'Leary. Subs: C Evans, N Carmody and K Cronin for McCarthy, Broderick and Boyle (all half-time), J Lucey for Dwyer (45), K Sugrue for Dillane (57), K Brosnan for Ní Chonchúir (57), F O'Donoghue for Rahilly (59).

MAYO: J Gawalkiewicz; L Wallace, N O'Malley, C Durkan; D Caldwell, J Mortimer, S Lally; E Murray, H Reape; C Whyte, C Keane, R Jordan; K Doherty, B Hession, M Cannon. Subs: A Gough for Cannon (43), C Doherty for Whyte (43), E Brennan for Durkan (56), S El Massry for Murray (56), S Delaney for Keane (60+1). Referee: Gus Chapman (Sligo).



Minor Round L to R:
Molly Crowe, Tipperary; Referee Conor McCarthy, Grace Murphy, Kerry.



U16 A L to R: Ava Coughlan, Cork; Referee Mark Murphy, Leah Griffin, Kerry.









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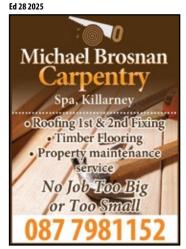


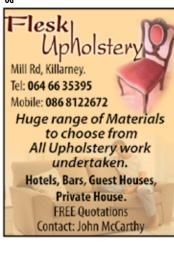


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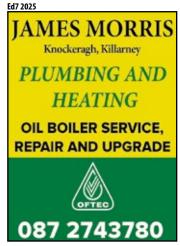




























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The love of money imprisons and can cause comprised values and principles. Folks can be bribed with the promise of wealth - lured to do things harmful to themselves or others. This is what Jesus was warning about. God doesn't want His people to be poor or helpless, but that the motivation, and use of wealth, possessions, and power are put to good use. We see the effects of slavery to the demon god mammon in the drug industry. It creates huge wealth for dealers, but enslaves those who are addicted, fuelling a dark economy where prostitution, people trafficking, including sexual slavery, bondage, murders, and violence go on behind the scenes. Those dabbling with drugs should consider these things, for one day accounts will be reconciled with God. All this is driven by lust for more for 'me, myself and I' . . . with no thought of the multitudes impacted. Cocaine snorted, or tablets downed do not just involve the consumer, but a whole underworld.

Years ago, Bill Wilson (Metro Child) wrote about ministering to children in the ghettos of New York, telling the consequences and effect of drugs - including poor people having to sell their children to sexual predators to pay for their next fix. But now in Ireland snorting cocaine has become a cool epidemic for many, and smoking a joint is seen as a light, harmless recreation. It is one step on a deadly ladder — leading to devastation in relationships, the body, and the brain, and worse: opening the doors to demons of sorcery! (Galatians 5:19-21) Demons are never satisfied on one level of evil. Serving the devil brings destruction, going from bad to worse — darker and more hopeless than one could ever imagine (John 10:10). But in God's Kingdom — lives are transformed by relationship with Jesus Christ the Word of God, through the Power of His Holy Spirit, taking one from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:16-18). That's brighter and better — forgiven, healed, delivered, and set free — complete peace in every area.

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We offer eternal thanks to the inpatient and community-based palliative care teams and her home help for their exceptional care; Dohertys Pharmacy and Farranfore Medical Centre. To our many friends, relations and neighbours' while it is not possible to list every kindness you have shown, please know that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED MOM

Rena Kennelly



Who passed away on MARCH 7TH, 2024.

Our hearts are full of memories With pride we speak your name Though life goes on without you It will never be the same Those special days will not return When we were all together But the love and memories in our hearts Will stay with us forever.

Always loved and sadly missed by Daughters Shirley and Kate, Son, Mark. Sons-in-law JohnJoe and Dan. Daughter-in-law Paula. Grandchildren Jason and wife Jacqui. Kenneth and his wife Annette. Ciara and Colm, Ailbhe, Justine, Catherine. Great Grandchildren Roan and Ben, Sister Margaret and brother Gene.

GRATEFUL THANKS

To the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Roch, St Martin De Porres, Psalm 91, St Michael the Archangel for many favours received and that included health.

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAUREEN O'Sullivan



BALLINCARRIG. FIRIES. KILLARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 4TH MARCH 2020

Along the road to suffering You found a little lane That took you up to heaven And ended all your pain.

You may be out of sight We may be worlds apart But you are always in my prayers And forever in my heart.

Always loved and remembered by your daughter Marguerite

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APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE TAKES PLACE THIS YEAR ON SAT/SUNDAY 05TH/6TH APRIL 2025

As of now a Coach is organised from Killarney. If any Adoration Committee are organising a Coach please make contact with Breda:087 674 2306 or Margaret: 087 297 6304. This being Jubilee Year it is important that Eucharistic Adoration is successful in every parish and Nationally. Please check Notice Board for week/end Programme

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME WITH BISHOP RAY BROWNE; 5 days fully escorted Pilgrimage to Rome, from the 19th of May to 23rd of May. €1,465 pps. For further details or to book contact Nora 087 9318976. Full Itinerary available at www.marian.ie

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The Envelopes are now available from the Parish Office. These envelopes are a source of income for the parish. . If you currently do not use an envelope or are new to the Parish and would like to have a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office and we'll organise that for you. Your contribution to the Parish is greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.

ST PIO MASS in the Church of the Resurrection on Monday 10th of March. Rosary at 7.15pm, followed by Mass, Benediction and a Blessing with a Relic of St Pio.

8TH AND 10TH ANNIVERSARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE LATE





Mary McLoughlin WHO DIED ON 6TH MARCH 2017 AND

IAMES McLoughlin WHO DIED ON 23RD APRIL 2015

BOTH LATE OF ARDANEANIG, KILLARNEY AND LONDON

Missing you both

Those precious memories of you will always bring a smile. If we could have you back even for a little while then we could talk and walk again like we used to do.

The fact you are no longer here will always cause us pain but you are forever in our hearts until we meet again.

Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow. what it meant to lose you no one will ever know.

There is a path of beautiful memories from here to heaven above That keeps us very close to you its called the path of love.

And down that path of memories we travel today All our thoughts are with you As life goes on its way.

And life has gone on without you and the days have turned to years. But each day has held a thousand memories and a million silent tears.

Lovingly and sadly missed by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, brothers and sisters, extended family and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

Frank Keogh



LATE OF COUNTESS GROVE & Upper Sunny Hill, Killarney WHO DIED ON 7TH MARCH 2024.

As we fondly remember our dear brother Frank on his first anniversary, his brothers Seán, Don, Tim and Eamonn wish to express our heartfelt thanks and grateful appreciation to everyone who sympathised and supported us during this difficult time. A sincere thank you to chief celebrant Fr Kieran O'Brien for a wonderful funeral Mass celebrating Frank's life, assisted by Fr Billy Hoyne OFM, Canon Tomas Ó Luanaigh, Fr Paddy O'Donoghue and Deacon Jean Yves Letanneur.

Special thanks to Fr Sean Jones for graveside prayers and Franciscan Friary Guardian Br Pat Lynch OFM. Thanks also to singer Lily MacMonagle, organist Anita Lakner and musician Máire Breathnach for their roles in the Mass.

Thank you to everybody who attended the funeral home and the cathedral to pay their respects. It was very much appreciated to meet so many of Frank's old friends and special mention to those who travelled long distances. Thank you to every person who also made the effort to reach out with expressions of sympathy through Mass cards, perpetual enrolments, letters, calls, texts and online condolences. Thanks also to our relatives, friends and neighbours for all their support and thoughtfulness.

Sincere thanks to Dr Ken Keohane and all the team at Deenagh Medical Practice, to community nurse Philip O'Connor and The Tomies Medical Centre for all their professional care to Frank over the years. Thank you also to Dr Liam Chawke and the medical team at University Hospital Kerry. A word of thanks also to O'Shea's Funeral Directors for all their respectful guidance and professionalism.

> 'We think about you always We talk about you still You have never been forgotten And you never will'

Frank's first anniversary Mass will take place on Monday 10th of March in St. Mary's Cathedral at 6.15 pm.





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